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### **Stock Prices** Tumble in **Europe and** U.S. Markets

New Sign of Inflation Sends Jitters Through Investors Worldwide

NEW YORK -- Fears of inflation in the expanding U.S. economy — and higher interest rates that may follow — battered securities prices in the United States and Europe on Wednesday.

Yields on long-term U.S. Treasury bonds approached 8 percent for the first time in more than two years, while the Dow Jones industrial average lost ground for the third straight day. The dollar weakened against major currencies.

Major European stock indexes dropped, with the DAX index in Frankfurt falling 1.31 percent and the Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index in London losing 1.52 percent.

"The market is headed south for a while until fears of inflation and higher interest rates subside." said Peter Cardillo, market strategist at Westfalia Investments.

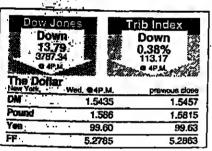
Fuel for the sell-off Wednesday came from a government report showing a 4.4 percent increase in orders to U.S. factories in August, the largest gain in nearly two years. The report also showed that shipments rose by 4.5 percent, the higgest gain

The report's influence was exaggerated by the fact that it came two days before the government is set to release employment data for September. If the Labor Department reports strong job growth for September on Friday, the Federal Reserve Board will almost surely push up key interest rates, analysts said.

"The factory orders were the icing on the cake," said Ian Blance, global econo-mist at Nikko Europe, "People are expect-ing the Federal Reserve to do something in

the next few days."

The U.S. central bank has already raised short-term interest rates five times this year-to-ber in the check as the economy grows. But higher trending interest rates raise the gast of borrowing for companies, which could limit corporate profit property in flation, growth in flation, growth in the condex the growth. Inflation, meanwhile, erodes the



By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

coni's government was propelled into tur-

moil on Wednesday after a senior investi-

gating magistrate said inquiries into a pay-television channel partly owned by the Italian leader could embroil "very high

levels" of the country's political and finan-

The published remarks by the Milan

investigator, Francesco Saverio Borrelli,

were interpreted as what a government

spokesman, Giuliano Ferrara, called a

"Mafia-style threat" against Mr. Berlus-coni, and they touched off a day of turbu-

lence. Mr. Berlusconi is a wealthy tycoon-turned-politician who controls Italy's

biggest commercial television networks
First, Justice Minister Alfredo Biondi
offered to quit in response to criticism

from Mr. Borrelli, but the government refused to accept his resignation.

Then Mr. Ferrara threatened a suit

against the magistrates, worsening the already strained relationship between the

government and the investigators who.

since February 1992, have uncovered mas-

sive corruption and who are now scrutiniz-

ing Mr. Berluscom's Fininvest empire. The

Italian leader Tuesday called the inquiry a "use of justice for distorted ends."

And, in an unrelated development that

nonetheless contributed to the atmosphere

of crisis, rock-throwing demonstrators

protesting unemployment clashed with

not police outside the prime minister's

office at Palazzo Chigi in central Rome.

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Fifteen people were reported injured.

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Berlusconi's Government

**Is Rocked by New Inquiry** 

Aide Deplores 'Mafia-Style' Charges



Police and fire fighters at a farm in Cheiry, Switzerland, gathering the bodies of some of the members of a sect, the Solar Tradition, found Wednesday.

# **Mystery Shrouds 50 Cult Deaths**

By Barry James

ional Herold Tribune At least 48 members of an esoteric sect that has been linked to nec-Nazi groups were found shot or suffocated to death Wednesday at a farm and two chalets in Switzerland.

Two other bodies were found in a house in Quebec, helonging to the leader of the cult, that was destroyed by

Swiss policemen, who expected to find more bodies at a third chalet, said they were seeking two people for questioning in connection with the deaths. An investigating magistrate, André Piller, declined to say who the suspects were or whether one was the cult leadcr. Luc Jouret.

Swiss fire fighters found the dead, including many children, in a secret chapel at the farm at Cheiry, a Heidilike mountain village near Fribourg, overlooking Lake Neuchâtel, and at

The spectacle of such open confronta-

tion between the magistrates and the gov-ernment renewed doubts about political stability, and financial markets, hair-trig-

ger shy about Italy's fortunes, registered

sharp losses with the Italian lira, govern-

ment bonds and shares all falling.
But the debacle also focused attention

on what has become a central riddle of

public life here: Are the magistrates who

became national heroes for unmasking de-

cades of corruption now pursuing their own political witch-hunt, as the govern-

ment insists they are, or simply doing their job, which has now led to fraud investiga-

tions in the national tax police, the Guardia di Finanza, and at Fininvest?

"The magistrates must do their duty," Mr. Ferrara said, "which is to prosecute

crimes that come to their notice, not to get involved in politics or try to overthrow the government through newspaper inter-views. This is shameful."

Mr. Borrelli said in an interview with Milan's Corriere della Sera newspaper that

the magistrates themselves were the target of "an initiative to discredit us" as their

inquiries progressed with "new and signifi-

of some \$17,000 - relatively minor

amounts in the gamut of Italy's million-

dollar corruption scandals - paid to the

Guardia di Finanza to halt inquiries into

the ownership of Telepiu, a pay-TV station

offering mainly sports and movies, in

which Mr Berlusconi's Fininvest acknowl-

edges a 10 percent stake. Magistrates are

seeking to discover whether Fininvest con-

trols a higger stake through nominee com-

Additionally, magistrates are trying to

work out whether a decree issued Aug. 28

by Mr. Berlusconi's government effective-

ly legitimized his ownership of a wide

range of television and publishing outlets

once supposed to be limited by anutrust

While Mr. Borrelli said the investigation

At issue, investigators said, were bribes

the two remote chalets in the canton of Valais. They had been called out to put out fires in the huildings and at the third chalet.

The police said they were unsure whether they were dealing with mass murders or collective suicides. There have been several mass religious suicides in recent years, the most dramatic being the 1978 Jonestown massacre in Guyana, in which 913 men, women and children died, and the immolation of 86 Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas,

Many of the victims in Switzerland had a single hullet hole in the head. Cartridge cases littered the floors. Others had been suffocated with black plastic garhage sacks, tied tightly around their necks. They included Canadian, Swiss and French nationals.

The male victims were dressed in hlack, white and red ceremonial cloaks.

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The women wore long, white, goldbraided robes.

According to the Roger Ikor Center in Paris, which investigates and docu-ments cults, the sect is an offshoot of the Renewed Order of the Temple, which is "extremely dangerous because of its doctrinal extremism and dictatorial internal system." Documents in center's possession indicate that the order - which has branches in Canada, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany and Denmark as well as its headquarters in Switzerland - has close links with neo-Nazi organiza-

Of the 23 bodies found at the farmhouse, many were in the former stables. which had been turned into a chapel with altar and mirrored walls concealed behind wood paneling. It did

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Luc Jouret, the missing leader of the sect whose members were found slain.

### Iran's Revolution Falters **As Oil Revenues Plummet**

By Nora Boustany

TEHRAN - Iran's Islamic government, with its welfare economics and mullah management, is being put to the test because of sagging oil prices. Fifteen years after a religious mutiny toppled the shah and inflamed the poor with slogans, the revolution seems no longer able to overcome economic hardship with sustenance

In major cities and rural villages, Iranians appear more concerned about how to make ends meet than about going to the mosque on Friday. The fists that ooce wished death to America are cow raised in objection to worsening economic condi-

tions and the specter of soaring prices.

"Economically, we are at a critical time," said a key Central Bank official. "We are adjusting prices, we are trying to control inflation. This brings unhappi-

Iran's population has swelled from 30 million to 60 million since the 1979 revolution, while oil revenue has plummeted al-

most to ooe-third what it was. We are providing subsidies worth \$12 billion a year for local consumption, and our total revenue from oil is \$12 billion." said Ali Naghih Khamooshi, presideot of Iran's Chamber of Commerce.

A bid to introduce economic readjustments is stalled as President Hashemi Rafsanjani's government and legislators bartle over when and how to remove subsidies from basic commodities without social repercussions and unrest. Religiously conservative members of the Majlis, the national legislature, are reluctant to press their popular base into more economic

Iran's declining fortunes are drastically undermining the religious leadership's once magnetic quality as protector of the masses and accenting mismanagement and corruption instead. As poverty and deprivation humble

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### **Moscow Gets** New Breath As Debt Is Rescheduled

Western Bankers Agree To \$24 Billion Reprieve To Entice Fresh Capital

By Alan Friedman

PARIS — Russia and its main Western hankers agreed on Wednesday to resched-ule \$24 hillion worth of commercial bank deht, giving an important boost to Moscow's efforts to stabilize its economy.

The accord, which also covers an additional \$3.4 billion of loan interest that has not been paid since December 1992, will give Russia breathing space to press ahead with its reform programs.

It could also improve prospects for the eventual full-scale rescheduling of the halance of Russia's total \$90 hillion of foreign

deht, which it inherited from the former Soviet Union.

In Madrid, a senior U.S. Treasury offi-cial attending the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank hailed the deal in "monther impur-Bank, hailed the deal as "another impor-tant step forward in Russian reform." He said it was in line with the emphasis on attracting private sector capital that came out of the recent meeting between Presi-dent Bill Clinton and President Boris N.

The deht rescheduling will also help per-suade foreign investors, trading partners, and lenders that it is now safer to do husiness with Moscow, another U.S. offi-cial noted. He called Wednesday's deal "one piece of the mosaic" and said that it was likely "to have the consequence of removing another obstacle to trade and investment."

The deal was thrashed out in talks held in Madrid this week between an advisory committee led by Deutsche Bank and representing Russia's 600 hank creditors and Alexander N. Shokhin, Russia's deputy prime minister and its chief deht negotia-tor. Mr. Shokhin called the deal "an im-portant vote of confidence from the international financial community.

Although final details still need to he worked out during meetings later this month, the Madrid agreement ended a year of deadlock over outstand issues that had held up a debt accord. A document describing the legal aspects of the debt rescheduling was signed Wednesday at the Russian Embassy in Madrid by Mr. Shokhin and hy Christian L. Vontz.

chairman of the hank advisory committee.

The final agreement is expected to be signed later this year after formal approval is given by creditor hanks.

A bank executive involved in the Madrid talks said the deal would stretch out Russia's \$24 billion of commercial bank debt over the next 15 years. Russia will be given a five-year grace period during which it has to pay back neither interest nor deht principal. Then it will have another 10 years to pay off the debt in semi-annual

The deal on Wednesday also calls for the payment before the end of 1994 of \$500

million of interest owed over the past year.

The only news that slightly marred the spirit of the deht deal was that the ruhle slumped by 5.4 percent on Wednesday to a low of 2,808 to the dollar, bringing the Russian currency's total decline to oearly 27 percent over the last month.

Traders attribute the currency's woes to the surprisingly relaxed attitude of Viktor V. Gerashchenko, the chief of the Russian central bank, who on Wednesday said he was happy to allow the ruble to find its own level. Mr. Gerashchenko has been sharply criticized by supporters of reform in Russia, who doubt his commitment to

rapid change.

The outline of the debt rescheduling deal has been ready for more than 12 months, but until now both Russia and its creditors have been unable to work out two issues, the most important relating to the demand by bankers that Russia waive its

sovereign immunity."
That would have given banks the right to sue Moscow or attempt to seize Russian assets if it did not honor its accord.

This sort of provision is normal in deht rescheduliog deals for Latin American

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# On Yugoslavia

BELGRADE (Reuters) — A Russian Aeroflot airliner landed in Belgrade on Wednesday, formally reopening its airport after a 28-month United Nations han on international commercial flights to and from Yugo-

"It is just a plane, but the sight of it brings tears to my eyes," said Svetlana, an airport welcoming hostess. "These have been a very, very desolate

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# Flight Ban Lifted

into Telepiu was only one of many being conducted by the Milan magistrates, he See ITALY, Page 6

### At This Camp, You Learn to Boot Up

By Peter H. Lewis New York Times Service

SANTA BARBARA, California -One would never guess that Ludovico L. de Carlo, who is 65, was a tormented man as he stood on the terrace at sunset. nibbling appetizers, laughing with a group of international husiness tycoons. and being serenaded by two violinists and caressed by warm ocean hreezes.

But his wife, Sara, revealed his dark secret to a visitor: "He's so angry. He has complete control over everything else in his office, except for that little box. He's determined to master it, but he's frustrated that he can't do it in one day.'

Mr. de Carlo, president of Marine Corps West Federal Credit Union, was unwinding at the end of a grueling day at the CEO Technology Retreat. The gathering was a three-day boot camp for chief executives, presidents and the like who share a common frustration — computers — and a common desire to learn about them.

and hotel expenses to come to the Four Seasons Biltmore hotel in Santa Barhara,

The recent retreat was co-sponsored by the seminars company CEO Institutes of New York and Computer Associates International Inc., the software company. Since 1992, the retreats have attracted more than 250 top executives who rose to power in the computer age without ever needing to find the power

The 50 executives who assembled here were the types who exude confidence and steely resolve to their underlings, but most of them would panic at the sight of a mouse — the kind used on a computer.

In the last group, we found one guy trying to roll the mouse around on the computer screen," one teacher whispered, surveying the executives at the orientation session. "This group looks

pretty smart." Each executive paid \$5,500 plus travel away from ringing telephones and husiness meetings, to concentrate on learning the computer basics. The fee included an Acer America laptop computer, printer and programs they will take with them, plus unlimited telephone support from the teaching assistants after they go

They get to ask the basic questions that they're too ashamed to ask their own technologists," said Charles B. Wang, chairman of Computer Associates. The goal of the retreats is to facilitate better communications and closer relationships between the technologists and the husiness executives. "For them it's just one little step, so they can say, 'Hey, it's not so intimidating after all.'"

The conference is an ideal opportunity

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### Powell, in Demand, Looks Ahead to 'Some Kind of Service'

By Brandon Mitchener International Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT - Colin L. Powell, the retired chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, has been thinking about his past while preparing memoirs that are to be published

But these days Mr. Powell, whose book will cover his career as a military commander and national security adviser, is being asked at least as many questions about his future. At dinner Tuesday night on the eve

of the Frankfurt Book Fair, Mr. Powell made these points: He conceded a more than passing interest in seeking a government office. "I do want to return to some

 He said that the exiled president of Haiti, the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide, was "not the saint" and that the generals he is to succeed were "not the villains" they had been made out to be.

 He said he was "still developing" his political philosophy. "For 35 years I didn't need one," he said. At this point, the rumors of a run for office are just that. Nevertheless, Mr. Powell made no secret of the fact that he was considering seeking a place in politics.

He said that he might accept "a nomination" and also suggested that his future service "might be politi-

kind of service to my country," he cal." He added that the fact that rope and could not be helped by any said, many people also considered him sort of nation-building Marshall eminently electable was a feeling he

was still getting used to. The cover story in the current U.S. edition of Newsweek asks, "Can Colin Powell Save America?" An accompanying poll finds him the "most respected" and "most intriguing" man in American public life.

So far, neither mainstream political party has been able to claim him as its own. "I'm at neither extreme of the political spectrum," he said. Regarding Haiti, Mr. Powell said

Haitian expatriates living in Florida and elsewhere had a history of "exploiting, not running," the country. He said Haiti was nothing like Eu-

Plan imposed by the United States.

Mr. Powell, who served with former President Jimmy Carter and Senator Sam Nunn in brokering the Haitian junta's agreement to step down and the plan for Father Aristide's return, trained with some of the Haitian coup leaders in the United

He called Father Aristide's strongest card his "charisma" and suggested that he go hack to Haiti before Oct. 15, his announced date of return. "He should be there already." Mr. Powell said.

Born in Harlem in 1937 as the son of Jamaican immigrants, Mr. Powell

rose to become the first black man and youngest person ever to assume the title of chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the highest military position in the U.S. armed forces. He was a major architect of Operation Desert Storm, and he retired in September 1993.

In economic and military policy he is predictably conservative, but on education, civil rights and a host of other issues he describes himself as quite liberal."

"I'm the product of the government programs that were needed at that time," he said of subsidized housing, education and Medicare, the program of health care for the

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### IRA Leader Meets U.S. Congressmen

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The head of the political wing of the Irish Republican Army, Gerry Adams, met with members of Congress on Wednesday to complete a Washington visit that he said had made hopes for peace in Northern Ireland "more of a

Mr. Adams, head of Sinn Fein, added a Capitol Hill stop to his three-day Washington visit before leaving for San Francisco and Los Angeles. That will round out a two-week, nine-city U.S. tour.

"The number of days we have spent here have in their own way been quite historic," Mr. Adams said at a news conference. He met Tuesday for the first time with U.S. officials after President Bill Clinton lifted a ban on such contact. Mr. Adams said that the hope for peace was "more of a reality today on the fifth of October than it was 21/2 days ago."

#### King, Defiant, to Return to Bucharest

BUCHAREST (Reuters) — Romania's exiled monarch, King Michael, plans to defy the leftist government and fly to Bucharest on Friday, his office said Wednesday.

The king intends to be there," a spokeswoman for the royal family said from Geneva. "He has no answer from the Romanian government and he is continuing with his travel plans." In a letter to supporters. Michael said his trip was no threat to the government. "I will arrive as a Romanian who does not intend to contest the present constitutional order," he said.

President Ion Iliescu said he would not intervene to change the government decision to refuse Michael a visa. Michael, Mr. Iliescii said, was a foreign citizen who would need a visa and would have to give a good reason to get one. Michael drew enormous crowds in 1992 on his only officially sanctioned visit to the former Communist country since he was expelled by the Soviet-installed government in 1947. A return seems certain to provoke a confron tation with the government.

Russians Sink Japanese Fishing Boat
TOKYO (AP) — A Russian patrol vessel sank a Japanese
fishing boat and seized its crew in disputed waters off northern Japan, Japanese officials said Wednesday.

Russia notified Japan's Maritime Safety Agency that the boat was sunk near the Kuril fslands late Tuesday, agency officials said. The Russian message said the captain and two crew members were rescued and were being detained. Russia said the vessel was violating its territorial waters.

Japan's Foreign Ministry summoned Russia's ambassador to Tokyo to protest the incident, calling it "extremely regrettable" and warning that it could harm efforts to solve a dispute over

In Japan, Royal Dissent Over War TOKYO (Reuters) - A secret diary of the hrother of Japan's wartime Emperor Hirohito reveals for the first time; that some members of the imperial family abhorred Japanese. policies that led to World War II.

The Yomiuri Shimbun newspaper said Wednesday that the diaries of Prince Takamatsu for the period between 1921 and 1947 were found in a warehouse four years after he died in 1987. Takamatsu's widow, Princess Kikuko, is allowing the diaries to be published over the objections of the secretive

Imperial Household Agency.

Takamatsu, born in 1905 as third son of Emperor Taisho, who reigned from 1912 to his death in 1926, spent most of his adult prewar life in the Japanese Navy. On Sept. 1, 1941, three months before Pearl Harbor, Takamatsu, then a senior navy officer, wrote, of war with the United States: "We must not derest the senior of the serior navy officer, wrote, of war with the United States: "We must not derest the senior navy of this for the sake of Japan and also on moral grounds. We must avoid this even if we have to fight unto death."

### Turkish Troops Raze 17 Villages

TUNCELI, Turkey (Reuters) — Turkish security forces burned down 17 villages during a two-week military offensive against rebel Kurds in the remote eastern province of Tunceli, local politicians and witnesses said Wednesday.

"The negole whose houses have a more than the province of the province whose houses have a more than the province of the p

The people whose houses were burned are in the town center. and they urgently need tents and food," said Musa Yerlikaya, mayor of Ovacik township, to which the villages are linked. He said troops had given residents of several other villages three

days to leave or risk the same fate. Villages leaders and Tuncelicouncillors sent a telegram to Prime Minister Tansu Ciller asking for an end to an operation that left them homeless on the brink of winter. The military says it must empty villages and group people in large settlements to deny refuge and supplies to the separatist Kurdistan Workers Party, which is strong in the region.

### TRAVEL UPDATE

#### Strike by Guards Shuts Acropolis

ATHENS (Reuters) - Striking Greek guards closed the Acropolis and its museum on Wednesday, turning away hundreds of visitors who had climbed the steep hill unaware of the walkout.

The 5,500-member confederation of Culture Ministry employccs, who guard museums and sites throughout Greece, is demanding higher pay and the establishment of its own providence fund 🐒 with ministry money. It said that the strike could last indefinitely and could spread to other sites.

A strike is expected to slow service on the London Underground on Thursday after pay talks between the Rail Maritime and Transport union and London Underground broke down, according to the Financial Times. The union's 8,000 members, who work as station staff, signalers and train drivers, rejected a 2.5 percent

pay offer that London Underground said was final. (AFP)
Ghana Airways is to begin services to the United States as planned despite a U.S. ban on Ghanaian carriers, an airline source said Wednesday in Accra. Corporate Planning Director Adu Gyamfi said a license had been granted on the strength of a getout clause in the ban, which allowed carriers from nine affected. countries to fly if they leased U.S.-registered aircraft for the (AFP)

A group of Muslim tourists from Gulf Arab states has booked a tour of Israel with an Israeli airline, Arkia airlines, in what would

European airline passenger traffic grew by 5.5 percent in August over the same month last year, usually the airlines' busiest month,

The U.S. House of Representatives has voted to ban smoking on all international flights to and from the United States. The bill

South Korea has extended its visa waiver for Japanese visitors through 1995 to promote tourism, the Justice Ministry said Wednesday in Seoul.



General Cédras throwing dirt on the grave of one of the 10 Haitians buried Wednesday. (AP, AFP)

#### U.S. Forces Step Up Search for Arms and Auxiliaries Dominican Republic. Colonel ry said that number would be François served as police chief reduced to 15,000 by the end of PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti François served as police chief - Haiti's military leaders at- in Port-au-Prince and orga-

tended the funeral on Wednesday of 10 Haitians who were army auxiliaries, who have been killed by U.S. Marines in a firefight, the first casualties of the U.S. military intervention here.

Lieutenant General Raoul Cédras, the army commander in chief, and Brigadier General Philippe Biamhy, the chief of staff, stood near the 10 flagdraped coffins in the courtyard of a military hospital.

The appearance by the two men came a day after Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Michel François, who with General Cedras and General Biamhy led the 1991 coup that deposed President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, fled to the neighboring

#### **Balladur Vows Corruption Fight**

PARIS - Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, facing corruption scandals that have spread into his cabinet, proposed Wednesday an annual audit of politicians' wealth and new powers to halt suspect public works contracts.

Mr. Balladur told Parliament he was creating a working group of deputies and senior regional officials to study new legislation to fight corruption, which he acknowledged was undermining public confidence in French institutions.

Democracy must be above suspicion," he said. "If it were not, it would be fragile because it relies on citizens' involve-

By Tim Golden

New York Times Service

tors will charge a former federal

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nized squads of attaches, or responsible for much of the terror in Haiti since the coup. U.S. officials expect General

Haiti Chiefs Appear at Funeral

Cédras and General Biamby to step down hy Oct. 15 as part of an accord that will restore Father Aristide to power. General Cédras has vowed not to leave.

Aristide supporters have ap-plauded Colonel François's departure, and urged the other coup leaders to do the same.

No U.S. soldiers were seen at the service for the Haitians. who were killed Sept. 24 in Cap Haitien. U.S. troops were patrolling the streets of the Haitian capital in search of atta-

As U.S. helicopter gunships circled overhead, U.S. Special Forces troops raided the Portau-Prince suburb of Petionville. looking for weapons and for an attache said by residents to be

responsible for several murders. U.S. soldiers have worked with Haitians in recent days to locate the homes of suspected army auxiliaries. Ninety-five people have been detained and more than 4,000 weapons seized in the crackdown, U.S. military officials said.

In Washington, Defense Secretary William J. Perry said that the U.S. intervention in Haiti had "gone very well to date." open letter urging him to leave But he cautioned that the continued success of the mission, and the end to years of terror home in suburhan Santo Doand violence in the country, "will take persistence and will

take patience. The United States has about politicians," he said in a state 20,000 troops in Haiti. Mr. Per- ment.

official and a fugitive congress-

man with plotting the assassi-

nation of the second-ranking

leader of Mexico's governing

party, José Francisco Ruiz

close political associate of the

slain party leader's, suggests

that the authorities' theory is

Massieu, officials said.

still appear to be intermediar- tion and drugs have long been

others behind them." In a letter sent to the attorney general on Sunday, the fugitive legislator, Manuel Muñóz Ro-The prosecution of the two cha, admitted baving taken part men, one of them formerly a in the plot, but said he had done so largely on behalf of the former federal official, Abraham Rubio Canales.

turn bome by Oct. 15.

group's members.

lence remains high.

Mr. Muñóz also said in the that the motive for the killing was at least in part personal letter that he feared for his life, alluding to contacts between But officials emphasized that Mr. Rubio Canales and leaders they had not ruled out the pos-sibility that Mr. Ruiz Massien caine smuggling organizations. caine smuggling organizations. had been the victim of a plot Officials confirmed the authenticity of the letter, portions of which were disclosed to Mexico involving major cocaine traffickers, conservative politicians from within the governing par-City newspapers.

ty, or both.
"What is coming to the sur-The question of a motive for the slaving is complicated in part by the political origins of Mr. Muñóz Rocha and Mr. Ruface are the resentments of some minor politicians," one hio Canales in the Gulf Coast official familiar with the investigation said, referring to the state of Tamaulipas, a place two suspects. "But these two where political power, corrup-

ies. It is possible that there are mingled. Both men rose there through

the ranks of the long-governing Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRL under local political bosses who have been variously linked to hard-line factions of the party that oppose recent moves toward reform, to narcotics traffickers and to a former leader of the country's oil workers' union who was jailed six years ago hy President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

In 1987, the year before Mr. Salinas was elected, he was instrumental in winning Mr. Ruiz Massien the PRI's nomination for the governorship of Guerrero State.

At least seven other people have also been implicated in the attack on Mr. Ruiz Massieu, 48, which took place as he left a meeting in downtown Mexico City on Sept. 28.

### Revenge May Be Motive in Mexico Killing | Ferry Owner Accused **Of Hiding Safety Data**

STOCKHOLM - The owner of the ferry Estonia and a French classification company are refusing to make public the vessel's safety inspection records, the Swedish daily

Svenska Dagbladet said Wednesday. "It is only the owner, the people who ordered the inspection, or possibly the Estonian maritime board that can release the documents," said Hans Olsson, the head of the Swedish division of the French company Bureau Veritas.

According to the newspaper, numerous inspections had been carried out on the Estonia, which sank last week off Finland, with a loss of more than 900 lives. It said there was an extensive five-year inspection in 1990. The most recent inspection took place last Aug. 25, when the how visor and ramp were checked, among other parts, the paper said.

Mr. Olsson told the newspaper that Bureau Veritas had not found any "serious defects."

The Swedish maritime board is not entitled to see the inspection property without the paper.

inspection reports either. Veritas is a Paris-based classification society responsible for monitoring ships' safety, and is therefore not subject to Swedish access-to-information laws.

A Swedish official said Wednesday that a decision about refloating the ferry would be made in the spring, "at the earliest." (AFP, AP)

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### Paris Chase Ends in Couple's Killing 3 Policemen

their capture.

Three other officers and two civilian passers-by were injured in the incident Tuesday night. The suspected killers, a teenage girl and an unidentified

To make their getaway after in 1981.

seizing the police guns, the couple commandeered the taxi. Afmen and the taxi driver. Rightist political leaders, inabolished capital punishment

Police unions demanded that the government provide more hicles in honor of their slain colleague, Amadon Diallo, 49,

(AP. Reuters)

be the first visit to Israel by Gulf nationals, an airline official said Wednesday in Jerusalem. The visit is set for March. (Reuers) the Association of European Airlines said in Brussels. (Reuters)

now goes to the Senate, but an aide said no action was expected

### Bob Dole, Phil Gramm, Jesse Helms and Ollie North

**Democrats Abroad** 

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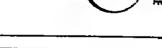
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PARIS — A young couple tear-gassed two policemen. stole their guns and set off a wild chase through Paris, killing three police officers and a taxi driver they had commandeered before the rampage ended with

hospitalized in very serious condition and unable to speak.

working-class suburb of Argenteuil. She and her companion had been living as squatters in an abandoned building.

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# James Baker Joins Parade of Republicans Aiding North

By Maureen Dowd New York Times Service

man who was a major force in the gan publicly renounced early in the success of the Reagan White House campaign has come to Virginia to pay court to
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White House chief of staff, secretary or the Treasury and secretary of state, pioined the pilgrimage of Republican am confident enough to support his candidacy and to be here tonight."

He added that he did not remember join the Senate he once defied.

who campaigned with Mr. North last been untrustworthy. month, Mr. Baker cannot afford to Mr. Baker's appearance, which alienate the conservative Republicans pleased some Republicans, surprised and members of the religious right in others and disappointed still others. Virginia and around the country who was taken as the surest sign yet that he support the former National Security was seriously considering running for Council official. This group will play a president in 1996. major role in the selection of the 1996. Republican presidential nominee.

as an official who knew how to asso- cations. "I'm running for the county ciate himself with success and distance line," he said. Growing more serious, shimself from failure, seems to have be added, "It's too early to rule it in or decided that Mr. North is destined for out."

In an interview after his appearance campaign raise \$50,000 on Tuesday Tuesday night with Mr. North at a night, followed recent appearances by fund-raising event at a posh home former Vice President Dan Quayle;

Baker explained why he was support-ALEXANDRIA, Virginia - The ing the candidate whom Ronald Rea-

plan that basically hijacked foreign

any instance "where I was personally Like Senator Boh Dole of Kansas, involved" in which Mr. North had

Asked whether this was a sign that he was running, Mr. Baker grinned Mr. Baker, who gained a reputation and gave one of his trademark equivo-

Mr. Baker, who helped the North

Texas, and Jack F. Kemp, the former secretary of housing and urban devel- 1992 campaign manager, noted that he North smiled and said, "Yeah." opment. Mr. North also received a had been in 20 states recently, camletter of endorsement from former President George Bush.

Sitting in an office in the house on the Potomac, Mr. Baker told a group of reporters that he had decided to endorse Mr. North because "having a Republican Senate is extraordinarily important.

He added: "I've lived through the experience of having one and not having one. If you had spent 20 years working to build the Republican Party the way I have, you would know that nominees when they have an excellent chance to get into a legislative body like the Senate."

He said he saw no irony in his support of a man who was in the center of the scandal that could have derailed not only Ronald Reagan but also Mr.

"I don't see any irony there," he said. "I've already told you that I don't agree with some of the things he did and said. That doesn't mean that I would not prefer to have Republicans get control of the Senate. It could well

come down to one seat. Mr. Baker, who has been largely

paigning for Republican senatorial ate," he said. "I do, too."

against Mr. North's candidacy and has Mr. North in 1987, said: thrown his support behind J. Marshall "I find the whole thing disturbing, thrown his support behind J. Marshall

Using precise language to explain a it's important to support the party's decision that he cast as a purely politi- means lying to the American people. cal one, Mr. Baker explained his position by saying that he had even campaigned for an incumbent Republican — identified by an aide as Senator James M. Jeffords of Vermont — who supported President Bill Clinton's

independent.

By Mary Ann French

and Donnie Radcliffe

sides of the racial divide, different shores of the

sea and separate generations. But President Bill

Clinton reminded President Nelson Mandela of

leaders of countries where equality is still far

Mr. Mandela was here looking for money and

material investment to battle a new war, one

against poverty, hunger, johlessness, homeless-

Clinton told Mr. Mandela in an official state

welcome on Tuesday, "and will not grow weary

"The struggle in South Africa has always had a

violently disagree."
As for Mr. North, who was wearing Washington official, he greeted Mr. the congressional hearings. Baker with a respectful smile and "Secretary, how are you?"

the parade of big-league Republican you just have to rise above principle."

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South Africa that they are in similar straits as tion of their alliance at a state dinner.

At White House, Clinton Vows Continued Aid to Mandela

Washington Post Service aid to, your fight for liberty. Americans take
WASHINGTON — They came from opposite great pride in the role we played in helping to

Mr. Clinton, calling himself a "child of the from time to time," he read, "you must vow to

overlooking the Polomac River, Mr. Mr. Dole; Senstor Phil Gramm of absent from the national stage since support, after the initial reluctance by his unsuccessful turn as Mr. Bush's Reagan officials to lend a hand, Mr.

"They want a Republican U.S. Sen-

Not everyone was pleased with the Mr. Baker did not say anything criti- events Tuesday night. When asked cal of Senator Charles S. Rohb, Mr. about Mr. Baker's appearance, Warren North's Democratic opponent. And he M. Rudman, the former Republican said he was a "good friend" of Senator senator from New Hampshire, who John W. Warner's. Mr. Warner is the was a co-chairman of the special Virginia Republican who has come out House-Senate panel that interrogated

Coleman, a Republican running as an frankly. But I guess I'm in a minority. personally strongly held the view that he was lying to Congress and that And that is a serious offense. I don't care if he was released on a technical-

Mr. North was convicted in 1989 of aiding and abetting and obstruction of Congress, altering and destroying clashealth care program, "with which I sified documents and accepting an illegal gratuity. The convictions were overturned on appeal because his trial a dark suit and cowboy boots, an outfit had been "tainted" by testimony he that Mr. Baker favored when he was a gave under a grant of immunity during

Mr. Rudman added: "The pilgrimage to Virginia just proves, as a Repub-When asked if he was pleased with lican leader once said, that 'Some days

slavery. And our own civil rights movement has

taken strength and inspiration from, and given

aid to, your fight for liberty. Americans take

overturn apartheid, and in supporting the free

The two presidents continued a sober celebra-

Mr. Clinton read an excerpt from a letter Mr. Mandela wrote during his 27 years as a political

"While you have every reason to be angry with

Mr. Clinton then turned to his guest and said:

Mr. Mandela, in turn, raised his glass and said

gravely: "The United States and its people

played a significant role in the struggle against

apartheid and all that it stood for. We salule you

for taking our concerns as your own."

will and the necessary skill."

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prisoner to his daughter Zinzi Mandela-Hlong-wane, who is traveling with him.

elections which produced your presidency.

#### and 40 seats to gain control of the House. Got a Question? They Have the Answer

Perot's Advice: Give Republicans a Turn

WASHINGTON - Ross Perot, the independent 1992

presidential candidate, is proposing that Americans "send a

message" by giving Republicans control of both houses of

"I have a simple proposal for the American people," Mr. Perot said on CNN's "Larry King Live," The proposal was

that, with lew exceptions, Americans vote only for Republi-

job in their stewardship of Congress. In the past, Mr. Perot

has been equally critical of Republicans, particularly Presi-

some great Democrats there and you don't want to wipe them

out - but, by and large, give the Republicans a majority in

the House and Senate and say, 'All right, now, we're going to

Republicans need to win seven seats to capture the Senate

Mr. Perot urged voters to "give the majority - there are

Mr. Perot asserted that Democrats had not done a good

can candidates in House and Senate races this November.

Congress.

dent George Bush.

let you guys have a turn at bat."

WASHINGTON — These days, with everybody tap-tap-ping into computer nets to find out everything from hog prices to MTV's Top 10, it might be comforting to know that you can still get the answer to almost anything with a simple

The venerable Federal Information Center, started by Lyndon B. Johnson in 1965 to "wage war on gohhledygook," handled 99,000 calls in one recent month from people who had questions for the federal government,

The information center can tell you anything the federal government knows which, despite rumors to the contrary, is practically anything at all.

"Today someone called me who was playing some kind of game in his office, and he knew the first few words of a national anthem, but he didn't know where it came from," said a center specialist, David Hare. But the Library of Congress had a book on it — they have books about everything — and Mr. Hare told his client where to get a

Copy.

The number is 1-800-347-1997. A tape recording asks you to punch a number if you want to talk about any of the center's top four topics: getting a federal joh; income tax; immigration; Social Security.

But wait. If you press 5 for "information on other federal

agencies or programs," interesting things happen. Without much delay, a pleasant-voiced person like Mr. Hare comes on the phone offering help for any harebrained scheme or Trivial Pursuit answer you could wish.

#### First Lady's Brother Wins Florida Runoff

MIAMI -- Hugh Rodham, Hillary Rodham Clinton's brother, appeared to be the undisputed winner Wednesday of a runoff election to determine the Democratic candidate for Senate from Florida.

With 99 percent of precincts reporting, Mr. Rodham, a Miami lawyer, had 58 percent of the vote, compared with 42 percent for his opponent. Mike Wiley, an unemployed talk show host from Orlando, election officials said. (Reuters)

#### Quote/Unquote

Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, in Missouri for a symposium less than 24 hours after he announced his resignation after months of questions about his use of government perks and acceptance of gifts: "I'm delighted to be here. I'm delighted to be anywhere outside of Washington." (AP)



President Mandela speaking at a White House ceremony as President Clinton looked on. most terrible war here in our own land over

#### horror and debasement," has offered the help of the United States in solving the continuing proband necessary skills." lems of South Africa. "We will walk every mile with you," Mr. "President Mandela, you have shown us the iron

Dennis Cook/The Associated Press

### ton continued. "For after all, we fought our own

cards across the nation. They have been in use at 550 test sites in Washington, D.C., Orlando, Florida, and Dallas-Fort

 The Board of Education in Hartford, Connecticut, has agreed to turn over the · A bomb threat forced an Aeroflot airday-to-day operation of the city's 32 liner to make an emergency landing in Gander, Newfoundland. The Moscowschools to a contractor, making Hartford the first community in the country to Chicago flight continued after a search. completely privatize its public school The Postal Service will begin accepting credit and bank debit cards at 33,000 of system. The decision follows years of frustration among parents and educators its post offices. Officials said it would with the performance of the city's take two years to phase in use of credit

Worth for 15 months.

### Oklahoman Shuns Clinton's Coattails

lized society" and has ruled it unconsti-

tutional. If upheld, the ruling would re-

quire the state to execute prisoners solely

hy lethal injection, a method added as an

option by state law in 1992.

By R.W. Apple Jr.

**Away From Politics** 

• The judge in the O.J. Simpson murder

case has intensified his battle with news

organizations by banning the second

largest newspaper in Los Angeles from

his courtroom because of a leaked story.

Judge Lance A. Ito was punishing The

Daily News for an article about a ques-

tionnaire for potential jurors, which the paper obtained a day before it was offi-

cially released. The Daily News chal-

lenged his ruling as unconstitutional.

• A federal judge in San Francisco has declared that California's gas chamber

"is inhumane and has no place in civi-

New York Times Service
OOLOGAH, Oklahoma — President Bill Clinton is probably more unpopular in this state than in any other, says one of its senators, David L. Boren, a Democrat who is retiring this year.
"When Bill Clinton ran for

president, people here hoped he was one of them," Mr. Boren explained in an interview. "Our guy next door, they thought, New Democrat, a lot less liberal than Dukakis or Mondale or

He was referring to two former Democratic presidential candidates, Michael S. Dukakis and Walter F. Mondale, and former President Jimmy Carter. "So be carried the state," Mr. Boren continued. "Now they've decided he ran under false colors, and that bas infuriated

Which is why Representative Dave McCurdy, the Democrat who is running for Mr. Boren's seat, is so frustrated. The more he tries to suggest that he is a real New Democrat, unlike Mr. Clinton, the more his Republican opponent, Representative James M. Inhofe, portrays him as a Clinton clone.

If the president has a champion in Oklahoma this midterm election season, his voice is faint, and his sword is dull.

Mr. McCurdy has not invited Mr. Clinton to come to Oklahoma to campaign for him. When he is asked whether he intends to, he replies that he has asked



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Brooks instead.

A survey taken last weekend Mr. Inhofe a 5-point edge.

Gary Copeland, a political scientist and associate director body by the disparity."

the country singer Garth party controls the Senate for Council said he had been dis-

by Kielhorn & Associates, a Democratic consulting firm, put Mr. McCurdy 6 percentage points up; a poll completed only a few days earlier by Cole Hargrave Snodgrass & Associates, a Republican firm, gave

of the Carl Albert Center at the University of Oklahoma, said he was "as confounded as any-

But he said he considered an Inhofe victory improbable be-cause of the huge Democratic registration edge in the state and Mr. McCurdy's greater

The race here, one of a hand-

year, only more so.

Few Democratic candidates

on Monday at the Liberty Glass Co. factory in Sapulpa, near the budget, for example, and gun control."

ful that will help decide which trist Democratic Leadership public schools.

the last two years of the presi-dent's term, is like many this the president's "screwed-up pri-

"T've been critical of him are eager to embrace a presi-dent down on his political luck, Mr. McCurdy said. "He should and voters everywhere speak of have heen concentrating on their disillusionment with Mr. Russia, China, Korea, the Mid-Clinton on questions like family dle East, but instead he's been values and personal responsi-messing around in Bosnia and bility. Somalia and Haiti. I wanted more spending cuts, and I spon-"Every time the president has needed a vote," said Mr. Inhofe sored alternative health care

Oklahoma is a deeply conser-Tulsa, "Dave McCurdy has vative state, especially on what been right there with him — on voters term "the morality issue," a heading under which they group questions about the Mr. McCurdy, a leader on president's private life and top-Capitol Hill who succeeded Mr. ics like abortion, homosexuals Clinton as chairman of the cen- in the military and prayer in

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### Maybe a Vote for Change

era after all. When Germany votes in 10 days' time, the man who has led it for the past 12 years, from half-country to Europe's greatest power, may not be the winner he seemed only a few weeks ago.

It would not be Helmut Kohl's own fault. Over the summer the doughty old fighter has rallied his Christian Democrats out of their early-1994 retreat in the opinion polls. His chief opponents, the Social Democrats, have wilted under the gray leadership of Rudolf Scharping. If Mr. Kohl loses, it will be because the underpinnings of German politics have shifted.

Although the polls say clearly they will survive, the Free Democrats, junior partners in almost every modern German government, right or left, conceivably might not make it to the Bundestag. Their beloved Hans-Dietrich Genscher pulled out of politics, exhausted, two years ago. A party of the musing center may anyway not be what the voters of the powerful new Germany want. Beaten in a series of recent state elections, the Free Democrats could fail to win the 5 percent of the vote they need to claim any seats on Oct. 16. And without them Mr. Kohl cannot command a Bundestag majority.

The Social Democrats cannot win outright, either. But Mr. Scharping, unlike Mr. Kohl, has the necessary underpinnings. The Greens will almost certainly hold a chunk of the new Parliament. The ex-Communists of the Party of Democratic Socialism may win enough seats by direct vote in Eastern Germany to be there as well. If the Greens vote for Mr. Scharping and the PDS does not vote against him, here could be the makings of a new, Social Democrat-led coalition or, at the least, a clumsy mating of Social Democrats and Christian Democrats which would probably eject Mr. Kohl

from the chancellorship. This would not necessarily be the best answer for either of Germany's two main current problems. At home, the Germans must get their public-sector deficit, swollen by unification, under control. The Kohl government is beading for a healthy improvement next year, the Organization

Just possibly, it is the end of the Kohl for Economic Cooperation and Development reckons; but the Social Democrats would almost certainly want to spend more on welfare. Abroad, Germany has to put its soldiers where its mouth is. But the Social Democrats are deeply diffident about letting the German Army serve abroad and the Greens, given a chance, would take an axe to the military budget.

Even so, Germans can make a case for saying that their country needs a change at the top. Mr. Kohl has held power longer than Margaret Thatcher and almost as long as François Mitterrand, both, for different reasons, examples of the danger of holding the top job too long. He has been an excellent leader of a rising country: hard-working, master of his brief, a skillful deal-maker, brutal when necessary. Many consider his experience and Europe-an connections of invaluable worth to his neighbors. But is he what this end-of-thecentury Germany needs?

Mr. Kohl does not have Willy Brandt's (and Ronald Reagan's) power to warm the beart even when the mind disagrees with him. His armory omits both Lady Thatcher's compelling passion and what had been, until recently, the above-it-all authority of Mr. Mitterrand's later years.

The Germans' chief task in the next few years, even more demanding than budget deficits or military planning, is bow to reconcile other Europeans to reunited Germany's forbidding strength.

This new strength confuses France, because it challenges France's 40-year-old belief that it can base its policy on an assumption of equality with Germany. It worries the new democracies of Central Europe, because they do not wish to be swallowed up by German economic power. It contributes to Britain's reluctance to bind itself more tightly into Europe. It is one reason why Russia wants to resume the command of its "near abroad."

The winning of acceptance for this new Germany requires a new impetus from German leadership. Now, a tiring Helmut Kohl, master of an earlier era, may not necessarily be the man charged to

INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE.

### Russia's Stolen Paintings

The Hermitage Museum in St. Peters- return the art uprooted by each side. burg has given a sardonic twist to Andre Malraux's description of the arts as "the voices of silence." For nearly 50 years, the museum has maintained total silence about scores of French Impressionist and post-Impressionist paintings. Most were the lawful property of a private collector in Weimar, Many were listed as lost or destroyed in Germany during World War II, when in fact they lay hidden in the museum. So closely was the secret kept that Mikhail Pyotrovsky, the Hermitage's director, did not see the paintings until 1991.

Mr. Pyotrovsky has now arranged for the public showing in March of such lost masterpieces as Degas's "Place de la Concorde." But on the matter of returning the paintings he is evasive, saying this is "a legal question." In truth, that legal question was settled in 1954, when the Soviet Union signed the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property, calling for restitution of captured artworks. In 1990, Moscow signed an agreement with Germany binding both countries to

A joint commission was supposed to catalogue missing works, ranging from the celebrated Amber Room, stripped from a czarist palace by German troops, to Schliemann's Trojan treasure, seized in Berlin by the Red Army. But the accord has yet to be executed as President Boris Yeltsin defers to nationalists who view loot as reparations. New skeletons keep tumbling from museum storerooms, suggesting Russia may also be hiding the Buddhist paintings from the Silk Road, once among the great prizes of Berlin.

Granted, it was long common practice for conquerors to plunder art, and lightfingered U.S. soldiers have grabbed their share. But rules have changed; the Yeltsin government seeks the restitution of czarist properties elsewhere. It is hard to reconcile this with Russia's dreadful example of looting masses of art, hiding it and then claiming that possession is 90 percent of the law. Why not instead a festival of exhibitions, as a prelude to restitution?

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

### Truth and the Trade Bill

The trade bill being weighed by the U.S. Congress would incorporate into law the terms of the new world trade agreement. Through tariff cuts and other means, it is expected to generate a strong expansion of the American and world economies. The fear among some is that it will cost the United States johs; in fact it will have the opposite effect. Nor will it lead to the erosion of U.S. sovereignty, a weakening of health and safety, labor or environmental standards or a higher deficit.

The Washington Post has been attacked in recent days on grounds that its editorial support for the trade bill masks and is the result of a provision that would benefit The Washington Post Co. That is plain false. The newspaper has been a strong and tireless supporter through three administrations of the international negotiations that have now given rise to this bill. More than 400 editorials have been published in that period on the subject of trade. Virtually every one has been tilted in the direction of freer trade; many bave endorsed provisions now part of the trade agreement; all but a few appeared before the bill and the revenue

provision in question were even drafted. We of The Post editorial page try to keep abreast of provisions in which The Post Co. has a commercial interest so that we can acknowledge them when they arise. Usually we do so. We failed to do so here; it was a mistake. What we should

have known and said about the trade bill provision is as follows: It involves the price that will have to be paid for a license to provide advanced cellular telephone service by a company in which The Post is a major investor and 70 percent limited partner. The critics describe the price as a deep discount; The Post Co. looks at it as anything but. The license was originally supposed to be free. It was one of three awarded by the Federal Communications Commission in a national competition meant to encourage companies to invest in new wireless technology. After the company in which The Post has its interest won the competition. the FCC changed its mind and said it would charge for the license. The possible proceeds were then seized upon by the administration and others looking for fu-ture revenues to offset the tariff losses under the trade bill. The license fee in the bill will be less than the fee would have been as proposed by the FCC. But the provision that officials of rival companies are calling a gift. Post company officials

regard instead as a hreaking of the government's word and a dumning.

Either way, the revenue provision was not a basis for the editorial. Nor does it seem to us to be a basis for voting either way on the bill. We continue to think, as we have all along and for the same reasons, that the trade bill ought to pass.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.



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### Disaster for Bosnia Muslims Unless the Sellout Stops

ton administration announced last week that it would delay seeking an end to the United Nations arms embargo against Bosnia for six months, critics immediately charged that this was a bra-zen, abrupt sellout of the Muslim-led

The critics are wrong. This is a subtle, slow-motion sellout of the Muslims.

Actually the second view is not right either. The White House is simply buying time, to try to change the awful circumstances it faces in Bosnia, But the result could wind up being close to a sellout if the United States is unable to deliver on the promises of increased aid and protection it gave the Bosnian government. The Bosnians eased the political pressures on Mr. Clinton by endorsing the six-month delay in the American effort to get the Security Council to lift the arms embargo against Bosnia.

The most important promise is to provide stronger and wider NATO air strikes to protect Muslim cities from attack by encircling Bosnian Serbian forces this winter. To fulfill that promise Washington needs the cooperation of the United Nations and of its key allies in NATO.

But the United States is encountering strong opposition from both the United Nations and NATO, spearheaded by the British commander working for the United Nations in Sarajevo, Lieutenant General Michael Rose.

In Bosnia, the UN is committed to a traditional peacekeeping role, which means not taking sides — especially not against the Serbs, the stronger military force that has the capability of overwhelming UN forces and cutting off all supplies. Sir Michael insists that his forces will not cross what he calls "the Mogadishu line" of getting involved on one side in a civil war, as U.S. troops did in Somalia.

"General Rose is waging a diplomatic war with the United States, not with the Serbs," one angry U.S. official said this week. The statement, full of understandable hyperbole and frustration, reflects how scratchy relations between Washington and London have become on Bosnia. That in turn shows that American efforts to use the Bosnian conflict to maintain NATO as the chief instrument of American military presence and power abroad are also in deep trouble.

The retreat on lifting the embargo spot-

By Jim Hoagland

lights how far Mr. Clinton, who came to office determined to prevent the legitimizing of "ethnic cleansing" and aggression in Bosnia, has moved. Washington is willing to settle for far less today.

The immediate U.S. goal is to help Bosnia's embattled Muslim government survive the bitter winter of no war, no peace. The Bosnian Serbs encircle and squeeze Muslim cities but do not overrun them and the British, French, Dutch and other peacekeepers stationed there under UN mandate.

President Alija Izetbegovich's government in Sarajevo also seems to have come to the conclusion that a continuation of the existing stalemate is its best available option. The Muslims, despite increased clandestinc arms supplies and better organization, are not ready to take on the Serbian forces in decisive battles.

But there is a joker in the deck: If the Muslims are buying time, is it in the Serbs' interest to sell? Or might they decide they now have to finish the job in the next six months, before the embargo comes off?
Defense Secretary William Perry

sought on Monday to get a commitment from Lieutenant General Rose's civilian

boss, the UN special representative Yasushi Akashi, for stronger air strikes if the Serbs step up their attacks. But news agencies reported that Mr. Akashi declined to give Mr. Perry a blanket approval for NATO strikes to back up U.S. promises to the Bosnian Muslims of greater protection in place of a lifting

of the embargo.
Politically, the United States has chosen sides in Bosnia. But militarily, it is the captive of a UN bureaucracy that does not believe in choosing sides. This is a road map to a dead end.

In Haiti, the United States is not conducting peacekeeping, despite the fig leaf of a UN peacekeeping mandate. Haiti is a U.S. intervention with the clear purpose of kicking one political group out and installing another.

There is no such clarity of goals or of. means in Bosnia. The Clinton administration has taken the risky step there of promising a degree of protection that it is unlikely to be able to provide. That is not cunte the same thing as a sellout. But unless the United States is ready to change, or ignore, the UN's accommodationist stance toward the Serbs, it could be just as disastrous for the Mushi

The Washington Post.

SERBIAN

### Don't Reward Milosevic's Maneuver

WASHINGTON — Before the West starts congratulating itself for driving wedges be-tween President Slobodan Milosevic and his Bosnian Serbian clients, consider who gains the most from Mr. Milosevic's latest maneuver to "close" the border across the Drina.

It was a foregone conclusion that the Bosnian Serbs would reject the peace plan advanced the five-nation Contact Group. The problem for Mr. Milosevic was how to deflect the West's anger and distance himself from his obdurate Bosnian consins. He feared that if they didn't sign, the West would tighten the UN economic sanctions on strapped Serbia. The best way to slip a tightened noose, he concluded, was to announce that he, too, would put sanctions on the Bosnian Serbs. Mr. Milosevic knew be would face skepticism. In fact, the United Nations demanded that

he allow the stationing of inter-national monitors on the border to prove his seriousness. So Mr. Milosevic did a deft about-face. At first, he promised his people he would not allow

By Frederick Cuny

Then, in August, he agreed after all to permit the European Union to station observers to verify that Yugoslav customs officials were halting all but bumanitarian aid. But there could be only 135 of them, when an estimated 500 to 800 would be needed. Nonetheless, UN, Western and Russian officials began to lobby for a relaxation of the sanctions against

newly "reasonable" Serbia. By making this minor concession, and dumping the Bosnian Serbian leader Radovan Karadzic, his political rival, Mr. Milosevic not only avoided strengthened sanctions but opened prospects for easing them. He is not, how-ever, giving up on the idea of grabbing more of Bosnia.

To Mr. Milosevic, the plan

awards enough of Bosnia to the Serbs to make it acceptable for now, and it buys him time to take more later. The West is gambling that he will put sufficient pressure on his Bosnian clients to sign the plan and end the war. But is Mr. Milosevic really ready to give up Serbian gains in Bosnia? Or in the Krajina? Giving up Greater foreign monitors on Serbian soil.

Serbia and losing Yugoslavia would be the end of his career.

What is happening? Mr. Milo-sevic bas again outwitted the West. For now, be bas little need to send supplies across the border. The Bosnian Serbian Army is known to have large stockpiles of ammunition and fuel.

In any case, the border-monitoring regime verges on madness. The monitors are to be stauoned only on the Serbian and Montenegrin borders, not in the Serbian-held Krajina, where arms have crossed for two years. The 135 monitors will be sufficient to watch only about 15 crossing points. The head of the monitoring team has said 48 lo-cations should be watched.

The frontier is long, 527 river kilometers (325 milcs), and mountainous. The river banks are beavily wooded. At many points the water is narrow and easily bridged. A tougher monitoring system than this hasn't enforced the sanctions on porous Serbia.

Helicopters are another way the Serbs could ferry supplies into Bosnia. Long ago, com-manders of the flight-exclusion shoot down the helicopters that personal and tactical. That, how-

violate the zone daily - thou-

sands of illegal flights to date. The American administration should be wary of being suckered again by the Europeans, who are anxious to ease the economic sanetions against Serbia. Relaxing sanctions now would be a major mistake. Once they are loosened, it will be im-

possible to tighten them again. Ideally, the West should ratebot the sanctions on Serbia even tighter to ensure that Mr. Milosevie's break with Radovan Karzone apparently decided not to adzic is strategic and not just

ever, does not appear possible. At a minimum, the United States should make it clear that the "reward" for Mr. Milosevic's recent maneuvers to avoid tougher sanctions will be limited to not tightening them, at least for now. Instead, the talk is of easing sanctions. Who is snookering whom?

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### A Leader Unwilling to Govern Leads a Near-Ungovernable Nation

By William Pfaff

WASHINGTON — An argument can be made that the United States bas become ungovernable. Certainly it is not being governed by its president. Real power has leaked out of the Clin ton administration. Is this Mr. Clinton's fault, or is he the victim of impersonal forces?

His efforts to gct his domestic agenda enacted have systematically been blocked by the Republican minority, in provisional alli-ances with Clinton opponents

within the Democratic Party. Foreign policy has slipped out of his control. U.S. policy toward Haiti and North Korea was taken out of his hands by former President Jimmy Carter, who repudiated Mr. Clinton's Haiti policy as something of which he was "ashamed." Mr. Clinton accepted that without a visible flinch. Haiti policy now seems a daily

improvisation. The secretary of

state and the national security adviser, meanwhile, are at odds; the former is on his way out. ector mir. Clinton's iru

tion ordinarily is assigned, by his friends, to a partisan and bloodyminded Congress, and an irresponsible press. This is true, up to a point. Congress certainly is obstructive and short-sightedly partisan to an extent not seen since World War II. Mainstream press and broadcasting also have been crueler to Mr. Clinton, for more frivolous reasons, than to any of his postwar predecessors.

The feeling is common in Congress and among the Washington press that the Clintons and their friends from Little Rock are getting what they deserve for having assumed (as one experienced senatorial campaign manager said to me last week) that because they

were "the smartest people in Little Rock," they could ignore the advice of the smartest people in MOL INCS in Washington didn't like that and have taken their revenge.

Mr. Clinton also has created his own difficulties by an unwillingness to govern. He talks too much, constantly consulting press and polls on what be might or might not do, in what Stanley Hoffmann of Harvard two years ago described as "an endless academic seminar which never comes to a conclusion." This has robbed Mr. Clinton of the authority of his office. A president is supposed to announce policy, not

talk it over with reporters. This trifling with decisions also contributes to his loss of priorities. The president could proba-bly have had GATT ratification warned him of mounting danger, but he did not act on the GATT problem until the summer had nded, which allowed the enem of reform to counterattack. Now there has to be a special

Senate session to deal with the bill, and GATT might not pass. Mr. Clinton is also the victim of two characteristics of American society that have weakened its capacity to deal with its problems. The constitutionally installed division of government powers, together with the country's adversarial legal system, have made it extremely difficult for the executive branch at any level of government to get a decision made and installed.

Not only must legislative opposition be overcome, at a time when there is virtually no party discipline, but a variety of interest-

or not his deficit program was

the first step toward restoring

government's ability to get any-

turned on Mr. Clinton still tell the

pollsters that they admire him for

taking on tough problems and

want him to succeed. Mr. Clin-

ton's assignment this fall is to

persuade them that is still possi-

A lot of the voters who bave

thing else done.

earlier this year had he put his mind to it. His Senate friends group challenges have to be overunprecedented numbers and virulence. One reason the Clinton proposal for health insurance reform ar is unat it was too complicated. The reason it was so complicated was that its drafters had attempted to appease the in-

terest groups in advance. The pain and costs of getting anything done in American government now are very high -much higher than in cabinet-style governments abroad, or in societies with nonadversarial legal systems. These costs were not so high in the past because a large national consensus existed on national priorities, above all during the world wars and early Cold War years.

That conscusus has been absent for most of the period since the 1960s. Democracy no doubt is all about disagreement and the assertion of individual or group rights (or what are claimed as rights but are often claims to privilege; a right is a "moral proper-"to which one has a just claim). The price that must be paid is today's very high coefficient of "friction" in American public life (and the economy), culminating

in ungovernability. This contributes to public alienation from the political process, higher today than ever, Demon-stration of that is the fact that congressional candidates now all present themselves as enemies of "Washington." American rates of political participation and voting are very low and going down. They are lower than in any other modem democracy. This certainly is not what democracy is all about.

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#### ble. Otherwise, the Republicans may well win their landslide. International Herald Tribune. The Washington Post.

1894: Eyes on Formosa

LONDON - It is stated that the Japanese Government has been ish Foreign Office and also with the Russian Government with a view to ascertaining if, in the event of a treaty of peace being Japan's annexing Formosa or some other part of China, it being understood that the independence

inquiry has been fruitful, for

more than fifty intermediaries are to be charged with profiteering, among these "butter dealers" being a midwife and a foreman printer! They had been cornering



#### Republican Landslide? Democrats Must Not Blink By E. J. Dionne Jr. Mr. Clinton cannot change all that in the month left to Election thing they would like credit for. Day. But be can argue that, like it

WASHINGTON — It's obvious that 1994 will be a fine year for Republicans. What is not obvious, yet, is that the elections are destined to be the catastrophe for Democrats that so many in Washington are predicting. The line between Republican gains and a Republican landslide is actually are "going negative" early to pre-vent their foes from riding the current anti-Washington mood to prohibitive leads. The unspoken quite thin because so many contests are close. What happens in the next month will matter a lot. logan is: We're no great shakes. Republicans enter this election but they are a lot worse.

with three big advantages. First, they are bound to gain seats in the House because many conservative Democratic incumbents are retiring from districts that have been strongly Republican in presidential elections. It was only a matter of time before Republican voting habits seeped down to the congressional level. Second, rankand-file Democrats are demoralized and disappointed with President Bill Clinton; many of them may just sit out this year. Third, the Democrats have so far run a largely defensive campaign, trying to prove that they are as fierce about crime and as reverent toward the family as any Republican on the ballot. Such campaigns do not convince anyone

do with the next two. Democrats cannot do anything about who is retiring, but they can alter the other factors. The first thing they want to do is get Congress out of town. Almost anything that gets the public's attention off Congress as a whole is seen as helping the Democrats

that Democrats have accom-

nlished things in the past two

years or have ideas about what to

who run the institution. Democrats are also trying to discredit individual Republican

opponents. It is a sign of the times that Edward Kennedy has run his first negative campaign commercial since Massachusetts sent him to the Senate in 1962. Democrats

These campaigns are having some effect — Mr. Kennedy, for example, seems to have restored his lead over the Republican Mitt Romney — but a move toward the negative may not save other endangered Democrats, such as

House Speaker Tom Foley. More promising is an assault on the "Contract with America" that most Republican House candidates have signed. Many Democratic strategists are gleeful because this document ties "outsider" Republican candidates back to their congressional leadership and defines the Republicans as advocates of tattered Reagan-style tax cuts. By promising to balance the budget without offering specifics, Republican leaders have invited questions about unpleasant details. A month before Election Day, the

Republicans are on the defensive. Forward into the Past is not an appealing slogan. And by reopening the deficit debate, the Republicans' plan helps the Democrats claim the mantle of fiscal responsibility. This, at least, contains the seeds of a partly positive message, last year's deficit reduction package being the Democrats' main achievement and the eco-nomic recovery being the main can actually work

But the Democrats faces much

deeper difficulties. These are summarized by two lines of at-tack against Mr. Clinton from within his party. On the one side, centrist "New Democrats" argue that Mr. Clinton reversed his priorities in proposing a buge gov-ernment-led reform of the health care system before convincing voters that he had reformed the way government does business. In this view, Mr. Clinton would have done better by starting with the reform of smaller programs and putting more emphasis on his

> plans to reshape government. Some in the party's liberal wing on the other hand, argue that with the failure of health care, Mr. Clinton has nothing much to offer other than deficit reduction. His liberal critics note that the economically insecure - the "forgotten middle class" of the 1992 campaign - feel little better now than they did two years ago and thus still mistrust government.

and Vice President Al Gore's

These critiques have more in common than those who make them might realize. On the one hand, neither fully takes into account how difficult the deficit problem has made everything else. Mr. Clinton would have a much more visible program in areas popular with new and old Democrats alike if the deficit plan had not so restricted his ability to spend. On the other hand, both sides in the Democrats' intramural debate are expressing a common frustration at Mr. Clinton's failure to convince Americans that government

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

in communications with the Britconcluded, Great Britain or Russia would make any opposition to

of Corea must be left intact. 1919: Dairy Profiteers

PARIS - At last! The judicial authorities are tracing the profi-teer to his lair. Because of the shortage of butter and eggs on the Paris market the police authorities have considered it advisable to investigate in Normandy, the great dairy centre of France. The

butter and eggs at prices even higher than the "normal prices." 1944: Relief for Greece ROME - I From our New York

edition:) The long-promised Brit-ish relief expedition into Greece has begun in the wake of withdrawing Germans, it was revealed in an official announcement here today [Oct. 5]. The Balkan Air Force headquarters announced that the first arrival of British land and air forces on the Greek mainland "met with a widely enthusiastic welcome from the inhabitants." The announcement stated that land forces of the Adriatic have entered Patras, which is "believed to be one of the enemy's last strongholds in the Peloponnesus."

#### OPINION

### The Sea That Blew Away: A Central Asian Tragedy

By Jessica Mathews

WASHINGTON — In a sad resemble the site of a hiblical first, environmentalists replague. Salt fog, salt rain and dry cently notarized a death certificate for a sea, suspending further efforts to save the Aral Sea. Recognized as a crisis only in the mid-80s, the sea has shrunk by two-thirds in just 20 more productivity is dropping. years and has already split in two. A large fishing industry has been

The fate of what was the planet's fourth-largest inland body of water,

Man has acquired the power to swiftly alter the systems that govern the planet's basic health.

and the environmental and human catastrophe unfolding in the five Central Asian Soviet successor states, would make a 20th century

morality play.

The immediate culprit was cotton, which Moscow used to call "white gold" for its ability to earn hard currency. The real villains were greed, stupidity and unchecked, tunnel-visioned apparatchiks on the one hand, and on the other a lethal combination - by no means unique to the region - of mankind's technological power and still largely un-

recognized ecological ignorance. In one sense, the result was not unintended. As the rivers that feed the landlocked sea were tapped to irrigate vast new cotton fields, the sea would have to shrink. Experts even argued that the disappearance of the sea would be a good thing. The land where it had been could be used to grow more cotton, watered hy canals from Siberia's rivers, or by using nuclear explosions to make those rivers flow southward instead of - in this view - wastefully into the Arctic Ocean. What no one recognized was that the Aral Sea was the region's ecological linchpin, whose role even the most gargantuan technology could not replace.

Normally, a huge mass of water : vapor evaporating from the sea intercepted the fierce, dry winds that blow out of the north. As the sea shrank, summers became hotter and mrier and winters grew longer, colder and snowless. The local climate became less and less suited to cot-

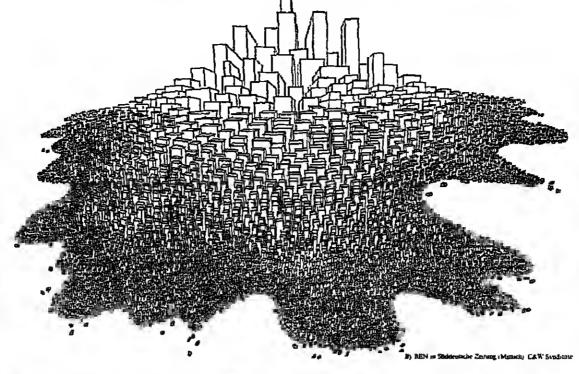
> Wind erosion and sait storms blown from the receding seabed make what was once a fertile land

propped up only by heavier and heavier use of fertilizer and pestidestroyed and once-thriving ports cides and more and more water to now lie 50 kilometers (30 miles) rinse the fields of salts after each rinse the fields of salts after each harvest. The added chemicals poison the water supply. The rinsing flushes away sails that the soils

> As always when the natural water balance is disrupted, where there isn't too little water, there is too much. In the frenzy to fulfill Mos-cow's plan, irrigation canals were huilt without liners in sandy soils so that as little as 20 percent of the water reaches the fields. The rest seeps into the ground, turning productive farmland into useless, salinized swamps, poisoning fresh groundwater, causing buildings and power systems to collapse and flooding towns, which then require constant pumping at huge energy

need, requiring yet more fertilizer, and so on in a rapidly descending

An impoverished diet (no fish from the sea, no fruit and vegetables from the ruined land), toxic water and pitifully inadequate health care have created epidemic levels of once unknown diseases. Premature hirths are the rule, and women are warned not to breast-feed — their milk is too dangerous. Infant mortality is the highest in the former Soviet Union



and may be - the data are not reliable — among the highest in the world. In the worst-hit areas it is difficult to find a healthy person.

The region is now freed from Mos-

cow's colonialist rape of its resources, but the collapse of the Soviet Union also means that five countries rather than one must somehow find a way to share too little water. Supplies could be doubled through easy steps like fixing leaky canals, but every-thing that needs to be done costs

money the governments don't have. Making the water safe to drink and thereby lowering the health care hurden and restoring people's hope for the future will cost vastly more. Rethe future will cost vastly more. Re-storing the ecosystem —and possibly grow concomitantly. For the first

the region's future livability - would take a switch away from cotton and irrigated agriculture, and on that point countries' interests sharply diverge. Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, both dependent on cotton exports, would have to turn their

economies upside down. Central Asia's tragedy is a cautionary tale for our time, a reminder that this one lifespan — from about 1950 to 2040 — will probably be the most significant in human history. In these few years, world population will nearly quadruple (from 2.5 hillion to 9.5 billion), economic output will likely grow ninetime, man has acquired the power to swiftly alter the systems that govern the planet's basic bealth, on a regional scale as in Central Asia. and globally as well.

The power to act has come before the knowledge to foresee the consequences. We must either acquire that scientific understanding and the wisdom to follow it very quickly - certainly in the next couple of decades — or perhaps leave the world permanently less hospi-table to future generations.

The writer is a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. She contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

### The Tugboat on the Lawn: A Tale of Man and Nature

By Hans Koning

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut — I was on my way to Montreal from New Haven, where I live. It was dusk on a clear, early fall evening as I drove through Granby, a Quehec town an hour or so from Montreal. I decided to stay over and arrive fresh and shaven in Montreal the next morning. Granby has a nice-looking, recently built hotel.

I asked for a room on the top floor. It had a halcony and I stepped out and looked at the last rays of the

#### MEANWHILE

sun setting behind the hill of the La Yamaska nature park. Below me lay a lawn with white garden tables and chairs and the hotel swimming pool. Suddenly, joltingly, a machine started up. I discovered that the three vast, cement-encased cylinders against the hotel wall and facing the lawn were not abstract sculptures but funnels for the hotel air-conditioning system, now roaring like the engine of a tugboat pulling an ocean liner. I beat a hasty retreat and closed my balcony door and the curtains, which didn't much lessen the roar. It

stopped and started again all night. This is not an anti-noise com-plaint. But spending the night in that room, I thought of the many small pleasures we are losing, how a new generation might never know of them or miss them. How many nights a year would a sleeper in

Granby need air-conditioning? And what had happened to people, to the guests on that lawn, that they didn't mind swimming and sunning themselves or having a drink in the ambiance of a tughoat's engine room? Didn't they realize that they were losing out on the sound of bird song, the senells of nature, the caress of the night?

I know these questions are largely rhetorical. No, these people don't mind the roar of a machine because they live lives during which leisure is mostly filled with the roar of televi-sion or Walkmans. They don't miss the sounds and smells of nature because nature - subconsciously, maybe -- has become an enemy except in very controlled circumstances.

Nature has to be sanitized and kept at bay, with guards, curiews and a dizzying set of other rules and regulations. benches, white lines, parking lots, chemical outhouses. Even our own circumscribed little gardens are not kept for sitting in and, say, reading, but for dousing with insecticides and trimming and manicuring with mowers and the newest weapon, leaf blowers.

Once, nature was a legitimate enemy: Back when there were wolves in the woods around Brussels, when travelers could lose their way and die of hunger and thirst on the plains of White Russia. But now, nature (aside from the weather) has long been tamed, and at such latitudes as New Haven and Granhy it very rarely shows its old hidden strength.

To us here, nature becomes dan gerous when we ourselves have first polluted it. In fact, some might argue that we aren't protecting ourselves from nature hut protecting nature from us. No doubt that is sometimes true, but it does nothing to change the perception that nature is "the other" of which we cannot be part.

That, we are told, is the price of progress. But progress does not have to become a dirty word unless our lack of sense makes it so. The human body isn't happiest in a controlled, lukewarm environment of machinemade air. The wonder of nature may hit as at any time, but preferably not in a rest area with a dozen other cars under a sign, "Point Lookout. No Smoking. No Loitering, No Walking on the Grass." The night wind, perhaps too warm or too cold for "com-

fort," has its own mystery. I don't know if it's true that the view of nature as an enemy or, at the least an opponent, who has to be kept at arm's length, arranged and filtered, is a typically male trait. It is certainly a late 20th century human trait. It closes off a world of sensations for us and for our children.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### A Nonstarter for Bosnia

Regarding "An Unpleasant Turn to Milosevic May Be the Only Way in Bosnia" (Opinion, Sept. 29):

James Lowenstein suggests that the hest way to solve the "Bosnian problem" may be to allow Slobodan Milosevic to send his army into Serbian Bosnia and incorporate it into the "Greater Serbia that has always been his objective." It is incomprehensible that anyone would think that sending in the Serbian Army could end the war since it was ptecisely the former Yugoslav Army that started the war. Mr. Lowenstein's suggestion has an ugly and genocidal echo.

KSENIJA MARINKOVIC. Rennes, France.

#### The Sociology of Abortion Regarding "Q&A: Two Cheers for

Vatican From a Spanish Theologian (Sept. 19) by Barry James:

It was unfortunate that the only description given of Enrique Miret Magdalena was as a "Spanish theo-logian and author." His analysis of the Catholic Church, highly superficial and political, appears to be much more that of a sociologist than a theologian.

Mr. Miret Magdalena concedes

that abortion is a "negative, had thing," but claims that the Vatican should not make a fuss about it if democratic countries have legalized the procedure. Genocide was legal in Hitler's Germany, and no councrime and hy law make it a right.
The theologian also states that the democratic nations allow ahortion "in extreme cases." That is not the case in Western Europe. Many ol the abortions in Italy are per-

formed on women who already have two children and do not want a third. That's not an extreme case: that's abortion being used as a means of family planning. ANDREA BETTETINI.

### A Great Political Leader?

While Gerry Adams appears to have mesmerized the U.S. media, he represents only the political wing of try, however democratic, can take a one else. He was elected to Parlia- hums and toured in Europe. The cov-

ment in 1987 and when he ran for reelection in 1992 he was defeated. Yet he is feted and hailed as "a great political leader." Who is he supposed to be leading? If you want a visitor to America to speak for Northern Ireland Catholics, there is John Hume. At least they voted for him.

NORMAN MOSS. London.

#### 'She-Wolf' With Electric

Regarding "Debbie Davies, at the Front of the Blues Revival" (Sept. 21): Mike Zwerin says he cannot think of one hlack woman who plays electric guitar. Let me give him one: Jessie Mae Hemphill, a native of Misthe Irish Republican Army and no sissippi, who has recorded several al-

her holding a National Electric. FABRICE ZIOLKOWSKI.

er of her album, "She-Wolf" shows

Red, White and Efficacious

Both the recent article about

Egypt's Cru des Ptolémèes (Sept. 26) and the indignant letter to the editor it occasioned (Sept. 29) miss the point hy focusing on its taste. Far more important are the wine's detergent properties. During a re-cent stay in Cairo, I found the white excellent for cleaning hrass. As for the red, it was most efficacious in flushing out unwanted visitors — in every sense of the word.

LESLIE CROXFORD.

erracible Natio

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches JERUSALEM - Four tourists were slightly wounded, and a Palestinian was shot to death Wednesday in separate attacks in the West Bank.

The tourists were wounded when a grenade was thrown at their bus, which was parked in the Arab town of Azariya, outside Jerusalem. The tour group was visiting a church built on the site where Jesus is believed to have resurrected Lazarus.

An Italian woman and an Argentine man were taken to the hospital with eye and hand injuries that doctors said were "very slight." The other two were treated at the site by paramed-

The Palestinian tourism minister, Elias Freij, condemned the attack, calling on Palestinians to give "full protection, to respect and show hospitality to all pilgrims."
The chief of Palestinian secu-

rity in the West Bank, Jibril Rajoub, also condemned the attack, Israel Radio said. Mr. Rajoub said Palestinian security forces would prevent such at-

Israeli troops, meanwhile, shot and killed a Palestinian when he tried to stab a soldier in the West Bank city of Hebron, military sources said.

Ziad Amarin, 21, was the second Palestinian to die in similar circumstances in less than a week in Hebron, where a Jewish settler shot and killed 29 Palestinian worshippers in February. Since the massacre, every in-cident sparks further violence.

and Palestinians reported extensive riots throughout the city Wednesday. Hospitals reported that a 50-year-old man received a gunshot wound in the arm. The army put Hebron under

curiew, ordering the 80,000 Arab residents indoors.

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SHELTER'S WHERE YOU FIND IT — A Rwandan refugee at a camp Wednesday in Zaire. Aid workers returned to the Katale camp under the protection of Zairian police, who investigated a report that 30 Boy Scouts, who had been helping the weak and elderly guard their food against theft, had been massacred there at the end of September.

### Power Struggle in Azerbaijan tacks once they assumed responsibility throughout the President Appears With His Rival After a Coup Accusation

BAKU, Azerbaijan - President Heydar A. Aliyev ap-peared in public Wednesday with his rival, Prime Minister

for the time being. But a senior aide to Mr.

liyev strongly suggested that Mr. Huseynov, who has not enjoyed good relations with the president since helping him take power last year, could be forced out. Earlier Wednesday, Mr.

Aliyev said in a televised address to the nation that "dark forces" backed by pro-Huseynov troops had seized the airport and other strategic buildings in the western city of Gence, which is the prime minister's power base.

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An emotional Mr. Alivev Baku, that government forces where.

had taken back the airport, with the loss of three soldiers.

of civil war: at the last moment we were able to avert the crisis."

Elcibey, stood silently behind Surat Huseynov stands here seynov and Mr. Alivev has wid-

told a 20.000-strong crowd of coup," he said. "I went to have Gence, and perhaps from Rushis supporters in the capital. a cup of tea. I didn't go any-sia farther north.

He insisted that he still backed the 71-year-old Mr. "The country was on the edge Aliyev and blamed unidentified "independent groups" in Gence for the uprising.

Surat Huseynov, whom he had earlier accused of mounting a coup, suggesting the two had patched up their shaky relations several hours on Tuesday eventure and the dayling. Mr. Huseynov became prime minister in an uneasy power-sharing deal with Mr. Aliyev, a former Soviet Polithuro memming.

Mr. Huseynov, who became prime minister last year after after Mr. Elcibey's ouster. Both

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini to uphold the revolution and care for families of Islamic ber and KGB general who releading a rebellion to overthrow were closer to Moscow than was the former president, Abulfez Mr. Elcibey, a pro-Turkish na-But a rift between Mr. Hu-

> with me now, but I told him, ened since then, and observers face to face, that a governmen- had said a showdown was im-A Western diplomat cau-

tioned: "Aliyev has the upper hand for now, but I do not Mr. Huseynov, 36, bad earli- think we have seen the last of In his television address, Mr.

Aliyev warned that a coup "I am not taking part in any threat was again coming from

### Inside the Barn, a Grim Scene **Bodies Found Strewn About a Primitive Altar**

By Robert L. Kroon ional Herald Tribune CHEIRY, Switzerland -On the edge of a pine forest, a charred hulk of a half-intact barn was all that remained of

the farm of Albert Giacobino. That was where fire fighters and policemen discovered the bodies of 23 men and women on Wednesday in or near a primitive shrine in a room behind a hidden door on the barn's ground floor. The farm is outside Cheiry, a bucolic village of 230 people in rolling pasture land between Bern and Lau-

The windowless shrine had mirrors on the walls and a rudimentary altar and cross in the center. Bodies were strewn about on the concrete floor and in an adjoining room.

According to a police spokes-man, Beat Karlen, one of the first witnesses on the scene, "some had their heads covered with black plastic garbage hags, taped or tied around their neck, but most showed bullet wounds

"The men were clad in black and red cloaks, the women in white, ankle-length garments with gold embroidery," he said. "We found a 6.3mm pistol and several empty cartridges."
This, he said, cast doubt on

Revolution Slows the initial reports of suicide.

A fire lighter, André Thierrien, said: "If this was suicide, someone for sure gave them a some segments of society.

helping hand. Witnesses said the mass killing had been elaborately/prepared. Propane canisters were installed throughout the farmhouse, interlinked with electric wiring that was connected to a telephone. •

In addition, plastic bags with gasoline were discovered on the ground floor. But only the living quarters of the owner, a retired farmer, Albert Giacobino, and the top floor of the barn caught fire.

Mr. Giacobino was found lying in bed, shot through the

"For some reason he did not join the others in the shrine for the collective death rite." Mr. Karlen said. The incendiary devices on the

round floor did not go off, sparing the shrine and providing investigators with clues about the identity of the cult members and their back-

"I knew Mr/ Giacobino well," said Mr. Thierrien, "He was in his 70s. Before he bought this place in Cheiry two years ago, he had a big farm in Ver-

soix, near Geneva. "He told me he had traveled extensively, to Australia and Canada," Mr. Thierrien said. "He was friendly but a bit funny, talking about heaven and earth and things." Serge Thierrien, secretary of

the village council, said the farm was owned by a company called the Cheiry Agricultural Research Farm.

Its speciality was macrobiotic produce and members of the

The police discovered passports and driving licenses of Swiss, Canadian and French or-

Only five people lived at the farm permanently, including Mr. Giacobini and his elderly female companion, a younger couple and a young man. The

three younger people all had outside jobs, one of them at a nearby hospital.

The police are working on a theory that one or more ringleaders oversaw the killings in Cheiry, and then went to chalets, 80 kilometers (50 miles) away, to kill other cult members and set fire to the buildings.

A police source said the fires in the chalets began around 4 A.M., four hours after the blaze

### Jonestown to Waco: A Series of Cult Deaths

PARIS — The mass deaths in a Swiss village was the latest in a number of deadly incidents involving cults, the most dramatic being the 1978 mass suicide of more than 900 members of People's Temple in Guyana.

That incident on Nov. 18, 1978, resulted in the death of 913 men, women and children who were members of the sect, founded by the Reverend Jim Jones.

The suicide was preceded the night before by the murder by sect members of Representative Leo Ryan and three reporters who had traveled to Guyana to investigate complaints by parents whose children had joined the sect. The Reverend Jones, who had organized an agricultural commune at Jones-town. Guyana, called on his followers the next day to kill themselves in what he said would be a "revolutionary act." Most of the victims drank poison, although the Reverend Jones died from a bullet wound to the head. Authorities were

More recently, about 86 people died in Waco, Texas, when U.S. agents raided the Branch Davidian sect led by David Koresh, a self-proclaimed prophet. Most of the victims burned to death in a fire that erupted once the raid began. Mr. Koresh was among the dead.

Other mass suicides linked to sects have been reported in

not able to determine if it was self-inflicted.

On Sept. 19, 1985, about 60 members of the Ata tribe on

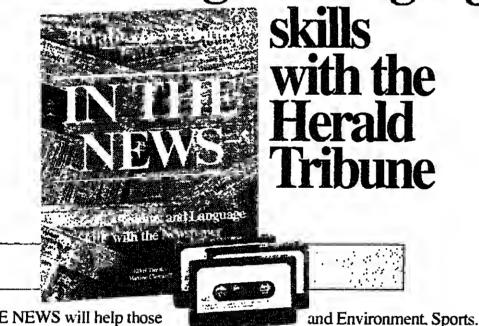
the island of Mindanao, off the Philippine coast, were reported by local newspapers to have committed suicide by swallowing poison on order of their high priest, Datu Man-On Nov. 1, 1986, the charred bodies of seven women were

found on a beach in Wakayam, in western Japan. The victims, members of the Church of Friends of the Truth, said in suicide notes that they wanted to end their life following the death of their spiritual guide Kiyoharu Miyamoto.

• In August 1987, 32 followers of a sect organized by Park

Soon Ja, a high priestess who believed she was a goddess, were found dead in Scoul, South Korea. Police said most of the victims had swallowed a nonlethal dose of poison and that their throats had been slit.

#### **CULT:** 50 Members Die Continued from Page 1 The Knights Templars rose not catch fire. The dead were to prominence during the Cru-Continued from Page 1 Master reading and language



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gleaming high-rise office buildings and residential towers are appearing all over Tehran, especially in the affluent districts. Some have been built with capital from private businessmen and the bonrads, the revolutionary foundations established by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini

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**IRAN:** 

The Bonyad Mostazaafan, hich took over companies nationalized after the fall of the shah, had the initial social and revolutionary objective of caring for the downtrodden. Now it has become a huge conglomerate, with bank accounts in Europe, secret hudgets and an untouchable elite of spiritually well-connected executives.

The presidents of these foundations are appointed by Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei, the country's spiritual leader, but until recently there has been no official scrutiny of their dealings. Two weeks ago, in response to inquiries about cor-ruption, the Majlis ordered a detailed investigation into all bonyad holdings and actions, according to Mr. Khamooshi.

"Maybe some ocople are as if in prayer. One couple was cheating, like all over the world," he said when asked whether these instruments were constituted in an embrace. Champagne bottles littered the floor. The police said there was no France banned them in 1307

Continued from Page 1 for Computer Associates, Electronic Data Systems. Inc. and various sponsors who have conliving up to their mission. "We believe only 14 people

are innocent since the encounter of Adam and Eve," he said.
"All the rest are kind of shady."

As for the good list, he named "the Prophet, his daughter and his 12 followers." Realizing he bad missed a few of the virtuous, he quickly

added that "all religious prophets" were innocent. Mr. Khamooshi said that in the future, the bonyads, seen by

some as a state of uncontrollable economic power within the state, may be dissolved and their assets sold to the private sector to add income to the treasury. But the investigation of the bonyads will not resolve the issue of subsidies, now being debated in the Majlis.

A Central Bank official lamented that at the prices the state buys flour and sells the resulting hread, Iran is losing money, In Meshed, farmers sell subsidized flour at black-market rates and feed bread to their cattle. Subsidized gasoline costs only 7 cents a gallon, and a crucial measure of Mr. Rafsanjani's ability to bring about eco-nomic reforms will be whether he can end the hefty fuel subsi-

According to rumors, Iran's elite scholars, the 80-man Assembly of Experts, are debating a third term for the president. wbo is limited to two by the constitution. But the larger question is not his political fate but whether his far-reaching policies will survive.

What is at stake for the West is whether the pragmatic forces, with wbom Mr. Rafsanjani has been identified as favoring economic realism and a reintegra-

"For every step Rafsanjani takes forward, he has to take two steps back," a businessman complained. Like many other Iranians, he had hoped Mr. Rafsanjani's election last year would set Iran on the road toward irrevocable liberalization, free enterprise and an opening to the West.

This trend has been overruled so far by clergymen pushing their minions into key positions at the Central Bank and other institutions at the expense

found with their hands clasped, sades, rivaling the Knights Hos-

evidence of a struggle in the two after rumors of irreligious pracchalets, where the bodies of tices and blaspbemy during children were found lying next their secrel initiation rites. to one another and some cou-

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Canadian policemen were in-vestigating whether Mr. Jouret

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was one of two people found in

Mr. Wang, whose ples were lying in bed. cording with apocalyptic warnings were found at the farm-house, along with a chalice, a The house was owned by Mr. sword and occult inscriptions. Jouret, as were the three Swiss one of which read "the cross chalets. He is wanted in Canada and the rose." The police said the first had been ignited by trafficking firearms. detonators connected to telephones and linked to cans filled

with gasoline and propane gas. initials TS, the French initials
Neighbors said the farm had of Solar Tradition. The Canadibeen bought three years ago by an police said the house also a group that said it was inwas wired up with timers and volved in macrobiotic and organ tanks. ganic farming. The chalets are about 80 kilometers (50 miles) Temple was founded in 1970 by

away near Granges-sur-Salvan. Julien Origas, a former Gestapo Mr. Jouret, a 46-year-old Bel-gian homeopathic doctor, is gy, alchemy, the cabbala and

grand master of the Solar Tra- oriental mysticism, according dition, an offshoot of the Re- to the Ikor Center. newed Order of the Temple, one of dozens of groups claim-ing to be the heirs of the had "created an atmosphere of Knights Templar, dissolved in an impending catastrophe the 14th century.

ITALY: Inquiry Jolts Government Continued from Page 1

the confusions that have built in

recent days, with President Os-car Luigi Scalfaro complaining about the government's handling of the country's austerity budget and Irene Pivetti, the speaker of the lower bouse of

crees that do not require Parliament's approval.

over the separation -- and exercise - of power continues, opposition politicians argue that the real issue is the ever-moreapparent conflict between Mr. Berlusconi's position as prime minister and his continued ownership of vast holdings in the media.

to opposition forces but also to the majority that this situation has become intolerable for our democracy," said a statement tion of Iran with the rest of the Parliament, criticizing the gov-world, will be able to shape the ernment's use of emergency de-

#### Computer Camp

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tributed software and equipment to the retreat; they forge relationships with leaders of dozens of companies that are

Mr. Wang, whose company dominates the global market for mainframe computer programs. also exploits the opportunity to warn the executives to be wary of technologists who urge them to abandon their trusted mainframes in favor of expensive. untested networks of personal The bodies in Quebec were wearing medallions with the computers.

But usually, Mr. Wang's advice is delightfully candid and nontechnical.

"How do I know whether to single-click or double-click with the mouse?" one executive

"Wang's Rule on mice is, try clicking once, and if nothing happens, click twice," Mr. Wang answered.

He also offered strategic sug-

gestions.
"Make technologists part of Jean-François Maier, a Swiss the management team." Mr. Wang advised. "A technology officer who does not have a vested interest in business operations will simply spend all your money and then go on to another business."

#### told Corriere della Sera: "It is

true, we are at a crucial, important point. What bas appeared in the newspapers about the Telepiu problem shows clearly enough that there is a risk of reaching very high levels in the world of politics and finance." The latest collision added to

While this fevered discussion

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### RUSSIA: Debt Accord Reached With Western Banks

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at the idea of a waiver, contend- government was a sufficient ing that it was not consistent with its stature as a world power. During the signing ceremo-ny, Mr. Sbokhin made a point of announcing that the agreement did not require "any waiving of Russian sovereign immu-

mercial banks agreed not to in- entity, would act to guarantee sist on sovereign immunity be-countries, but Moscow bristled cause the word of the Russian Proof of guarantee that the banks would not suffer losses as a result of

the rescheduling. Another obstacle to the deal that was removed on Wednesday was that Russia agreed that Vneshekonombank, the Rusmity."

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Mr. Vontz said that the com
affairs, or some other agreed

Proof of the international in-

vestment community's enthusiasm for the Russian debt deal came when Russian loans denominated in dollars that are traded on markets surged after the announcement. Their price climbed as high as 41 percent of the face value of the loans, up from around 38 percent on

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# Let's Talk, Patten Urges Recalcitrant Chinese Rv Kevin Murphy Sounding more like a mayor lack of sincerity. Chinese hampered by Beijing's opposition to the Jardine Matheson designed to assist the e and disabled and disabled

Patten on Wednesday called on Beijing to end an impasse in British-Chinese relations that

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DOWC What is at stake is perfectly clear — the future well-being and prosperity of Hong Kong," said Mr. Patten in a conciliatory speech that nonetheless subtly blamed China for failing to endorse a long list of legal and financial agreements crucial to orderly change.

down until Hong Kong reverts China, Mr. Patten announced a to Chinese rule, Governor Chris minor concession to Beijing along with several new social welfare initiatives already condemned by China.

-threatens a smooth transfer of "Sincerity does not mean one party has to always agree with the other," Mr. Patten said, alluding to charges leveled at Britain by China, which remains bitterly opposed to democratic changes passed by Hong Kong's legislature in June.

> "Cooperation isn't a one-way street," Mr. Patten said.

charged with negotiating major details of the 1997 handover volved in the project. "While we mark time on this have failed to find common

project, the shipping business goes elsewhere," Mr. Patten ground on issues ranging from financing for Hong Kong's new \$20 billion airport to the localization of British laws. "We still have not been able to reach an agreement on the development of Container Terminal 9 for reasons which have

minal 9 for reasons which have worrying implications for the territory's future as an international center for business," Mr.

#### said, ecboing a theme recounting the economic cost to China of lack of progress in the talks.

as a rival power center in Hong Kong, Mr. Patten said be boped to "put a bit more petrol in the JLG's tank." But analysts said a willing-

ness to involve the Preliminary Working Committee, a body composed of senior Chinese officials and leading Hong Kong residents deemed loyal to Beijing, stopped sbort of a major backdown by Britain.

"It was a conciliatory speech but in essence it said, We will do almost anything to work with you, but at the end of the day it's not just Britain's prob-lem," said Nick Moakes, a China analyst with S.G. Warhurg Securities.

In an early reaction reported by Hong Kong's RTHK radio. a spokesman at the Xinhua news agency, China's de facto embassy in Hong Kong dismissed the speech as "merely ment's decision to rent the speech as "merely ment' words." A senior official in the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs office in Beijing said: "We have to see what the Hong Kong government does. We need practical actions to show sincerity."

On Tuesday, Chinese offi-

The negotiations have been cials preempted the announcehampered by Beijing's opposi-tion to the Jardine Matheson designed to assist the elderly designed to assist the elderly and disabled and improve bealth care in the colony by warning Hong Kong residents to beware of a move to "intro-

duce welfarism vigorously."

"This is not merely going against the Joint Declaration and creating a danger to the Special Administrative Region," said Wang Fengchao, a deputy director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs, referring to the 1984 treaty governing Hong Kong's return.

"This is bound to burt the capitalist system," be was quoted as saying by a Chinese news agency. "Hong Kong peo-ple must be vigilant against this and not be confused by a beautiful package."

Mr. Patten rejected the criticism, citing Hong Kong's successful program to increase so-cial spending while cutting taxes and capping the percentage of the colony's gross domestic product earmarked for social spending.

During a press conference

following his speech, Mr. Pat-ten also rejected China's protest of a Hong Kong government decision to allow a pro-Taiwan group to hire a public hall to stage celebrations of Taiwan's

China views the govern-ment's decision to rent the Cultural Center to Taiwan-backed Chinese Cultural Association as an endorsement of a "two Chinas" policy it has bitterly opposed since 1949, when Taiwan's Nationalist led government fled Mao's armies.



EYES ON THE SKIES - President Subarto of Indonesia, left, with military officers viewing a fly-over by fighter jets at a ceremony Wednesday in Jakarta.

### Plugging Away at North Korea Despite Nuclear Talks Deadlock, U.S. Sticks to Hard Line

By R. Jeffrey Smith and Ann Devroy

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration has decided not to shift course in dealing with North Korea, even though discussions in Geneva on that country's nuclear program reached an apparent stalemate last week, U.S.

Senior U.S. policymakers decided that Ambassador-at-Large Robert Gallucci would return to the negotiating table in Geneva on Wednesday with no major new instructions, the officials

The policymakers' decision reflected what several officials described as a consensus view that the administration should continue to insist that North Korea freeze and eventually terminate all its nuclear efforts in exchange for the same Korean counterpart, Deputy Foreign Minister Kang Sok Ju.

Mr. Gallucci had flown to Washington from Geneva on Friday, after a week of generally unproductive talks with Mr. Kang, for consultations on whether the administration should display any new flexibility. But the officials said Tuesday that although North Korea had rejected key portions of the U.S. offer, Mr. Gallucci would continue to pursue it on an assumption that North Korea would eventually give way. They also noted that a stalemate would not

barm U.S. interests so long as North Korea continued to abide by its June pledge to freeze its production of plutonium, a key ingredient of nuclear arms, and its operation of an existing reactor.

The U.S. position is consistent with what se-nior South Korean and Chinese officials bave recommended to Washington in recent days, the officials said. Foreign Minister Qian Qichen of China told Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher in Washington this week that North Korea's recent, hard-line stance in the negotiations was merely a tactic to persuade Washington to

South Korcan officials have advised the administration that the North Korean stance may reflect the temporary emergence of a military-backed faction in North Korea that is opposed to terminating the nuclear program. But the signifipackage of economic and political rewards that cance of this development will remain unclear Mr. Gallucci has already offered to his North until after a new North Korean leader is named. cance of this development will remain unclear possibly in mid-October, and no new U.S. moves should be made before then, the South Korean

Kim Jong II, the son of North Korea's former president, Kim II Sung, is expected to be named to the post at the end of a 100-day mourning period for his father, who died July 8.

A source familiar with the administration's deliberations said the United States also sought to avoid a new confrontation with North Korea with U.S. forces engaged in Haiti and midterm elections only weeks away.

### Japan Wonders What Stopped the Big Tidal Wave

The Associated Press

TOKYO - Residents of Russia's Kuril Islands fled to higher ground on Wednesday fearing aftershocks of Tuesday's massive earthquake, as scientists tried to determine wby the initial tremor caused relatively little damage in Japan.

Seismologists said that some quirk of underwater geography apparently shielded Japan from what could have Hokkaido and near the Kurils. been a devastating jolt and catastrophic tidal waves, or isunamis, from the quake, which registered 8.2 on the Richter of tremendous damage.

"Considering the magnitude, it's one of two pilots was found.

strange that a much larger tsunami
didn't hit Japan," said Yoshihiro Obara were injured, all but one in of the Central Meteorological Agency in

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Tokyo. The quake caused the most damage in

the Kurils, a remote chain of islands that was occupied by the Soviet Union after World War II. Ten people were killed in Dozens of aftershocks measuring up although one was 6 feet. There were no reports of any damage.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center the Kurils, which was hit by waves as

high as 9 feet (3 meters).

The tremor, the strongest to hit the area in 26 years, was centered 13 miles (21 kilometers) under the sea, about 100 miles off the northern Japanese island of

No fatalities were reported in Japan as a direct result of the quake, but an air force jet went down while surveying the scale. A quake of magnitude 8 is capable east coast of Hokkaido. The wreckage was spotted Wednesday and the body of

The police in Japan said 228 people were injured, all but one in Hokkaido and none seriously. Roads were split by fissures, and flooding from burst water mains damaged about 300 homes and Japan. Most were less than 3 feet high, reach 3 feet, Mr. Whitmore said.

to a magnitude of 5.5 rattled the region Wednesday morning, hut no new damage or injuries were reported. A reporter on Sakhalin Island in the

Kurils said many people had evacuated coastal areas, fearing more waves. They are in the hills with no food, no water or personal belongings," said the

reporter, Yevgeni Kulkov. In coastal areas of Japan, tsunamis often cause far more fatalities than the actual temblor. Most of the nearly 200 deaths in a July 1993 quake in northern Japan were attributed to 100-foot isuna-

By early Wednesday, about 40 small tsunami waves had been observed in

in Hawaii issued a tidal wave warning for all Pacific islands and coastal areas, including the west coast of the United States and Canada.

Hawaii closed its public schools and beaches early Tuesday and ordered residents of coastal areas to evacuate. But the waves reached only 18 inches and the tsunami warning was lifted throughout the Pacific about six hours later.

A one-foot Isunami was spotted Tuesday afternoon in the western Aleutians. about 1,000 miles east of Hokkaido, said Paul Whitmere, a geophysicist at the Alaska Tsnuami Warning Center.

Tsunami are generally not considered threatening to coastal areas until they

**BOOKS** 

THE MARRIED MAN:

A Life of D. H. Lawrence By Brenda Maddox. 652 pages. £20. Sinclair-Stevenson.

Reviewed by Katherine Knorr

TS A measure of the diffi-L cult task Brenda Maddox took on with this biography of D. H. Lawrence that she has to defend herself in the preface against objections that could be paraphrased as Why now and Wby him? After all, masses of words have been written about Lawrence and his famously dirty books, his reputation as a writer is not

rock solid, and both he and his

wife, Frieda, are difficult to

In "The Married Man," Maddox, whose biography
"Nora" profiled the wife of
James Joyce, draws Lawrence's
short and turbulent life through his relationship with the most important women in that life,

his mother and his wife. Maddox seeks not only to shed new light on Lawrence's psychological (and sexual) makeup but also to improve his image, to portray him as a more likable, joyous character than be usually seems. She

tion, is reading "Romans et Nouvelles," the short stories of Stefan Zweig.
"The stories are sad and romantic, and I'm not sure I'll finish them. But that's what is

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finds that he exaggerated his poverty in later life, when his writing was bringing in quite a hit of money. To all this she brings a sharp analysis of new material such as letters and memoirs, as well as ber own close reading and painstaking

Lawrence, as is well known, was a miner's son, whose mother was bitter at her failed marriage. David Herbert, or Bert, was sick from birth but intellectually bright, a talented artist and a voracious reader. Although he went to college, he did not get a degree but a teaching certificate and afterward taught at the Davidson Road school in Croydon, bomesick and racked by sexual longing.

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott T N the diagramed deal East's L take-out double of one spade was peculiar, but there are no rules for bidding extremely freakish hands. Anything that lets the bidder eventually become the declarer can be judged

South's bid of two hearts appears natural, but was in fact an artificial raise in spades in the tant role: East on lead would methods of the partnership. She surely have chosen a diamond. eventually carried on to seven hearts over seven clubs following an old principle: when in doubt in a highly competitive auction, bid one more for luck.

. In seven hearts doubled, the opening lead was crucial. After a routine club lead, South # J 10 5 4 would have ruffed in dummy, drawn trumps and established 9 Q J 6 spades. There would then have spades. There would then have been two spade winners in the dummy to take care of the declarer's losing diamonds.

I With Western "

It is obvious looking at the diagram that a diamond lead would have given the defense the first two tricks, but that was spades and it did not occur to him that East was also void in hearts — an abnormal holding

in that suit for a player who has doubled one spade originally. Perhaps, thought West, the fi-nal double was Lightner, asking for an unusual lead.

So, West led a spade, expecting a ruff, and South gratefully took all 13 tricks for a score of 2,470. Notice that the happenstance of South's artificial twoheart bid had played an impor-

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the first two tricks, but that was not so obvious to West. She was sure that East was void in spades and it did not occur to him that Fast was also void in Pass Pass

thought ahead to the joys of being the widow Lawrence). Simone Branau, president Maddox believes that Law of the Cité Internationale des rence has to be understood not Arts, a Paris-based arts founda-

as the prophet of sexual liberation but as a married man, as a man who always wanted to be married, as a man who bitterly regretted the fact that he did not bave children, as a man who hated women but also understood them, as a man whose sex life was quite limited. His life was frenzied, a race against death, against the killer be always denied, the word he never used, tuberculosis. At the home of a former pro-

fessor, Ernest Weekley, he met his fate in Frieda von Richtho-A lot of Lawrence's work draws beavily on his life, and be fen. Weekley's wife and the himself theorized constantly in mother of his three children. his books and in his compelling Frieda was one of three sisters and unpredictable conversation who were, according to one of on the insoluble problems betheir busbands, totally immortween men and women. He was al. Maddox believes that Frieda frightened of women, psychoseduced Lawrence within 20 logically and sexually, and sexseduced Lawrence within 20 ually ambiguous about men.

minutes of their meeting, which seems a bit of a stretch, but is Maddox's book is engrosscertainly metaphorically true. ing, intelligent, almost always on target, and it does reveal a lighter side of Lawrence. There The Lawrences lived on the road, in Italy, Germany, France, Australia, Mexico and, is, bowever, a danger in probing famously, for a time in New the writer's life, not to mention Mexico, invited by Mabel sex life, too much. Maddox's Dodge, who eventually gave Frieda (or at least traded for a theorizing about Lawrence's predilection for certain sexual Lawrence manuscript) the practices sometimes seems to ranch later named Kiowa, Lawdominate the book without trudream of setting up a utopian about the artist and his art.

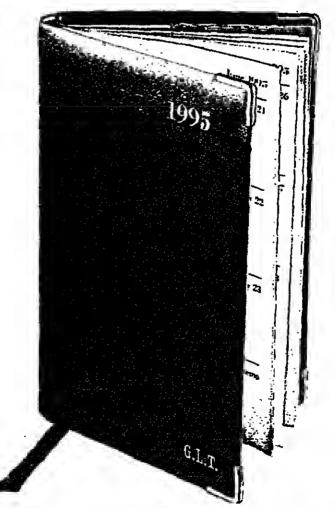
something that was unlikely ever to work out given how little sexual problems are as uninter-he was able to get along with esting as the overwrought ver-people. He had a wild and un-biage that sometimes substipredictable temper, and was tutes for philosophy in bis also cold and manipulative, books. If Lawrence is a brilliant turning suddenly against peo- writer at times, with extraordinary evocative powers, be is His relationship with Frieds also turgid and long-winded was famously tumultuous, and and sometimes asinine. As he included beating her, although was in life. she was a willing player in the

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#### France Fights a New Americanism As It Copes With a Rise in Obesity

Stories, sometimes a bit condescending, about obesity in the United States seem to be a staple feature in the French press. But it may be time for the French to consider their own hackyard.

Studies around Lyon and Nancy show a big rise in the numbers of overweight children: The rate rose by 17 percent from 1980 to 1990, and extreme obesity shot up by 28 percent

What's happening? French researchers blame the same factors that have led to a doubling of obesity among young Americans in the past 10 years: the arrival of fattening junk food, a move away from eating regular, hot meals at fixed times, and an increasingly sedentary lifestyle.

There may be one small silver lining. If the young French are more sedentary, the hlame cannot be fixed entirely on MTV and video games. Another study bas found that 82 percent of French children aged 7 to 11 read at least one book a month — well above the 57 percent of their parents who do so.

#### **Around Europe**

Two German magazines aimed at the jobless. Joh Aktuell and Pro Job, appeared in March amid much local publicity. Each hoped for a readership of 300,000 or more from among the country's 3.5 million unemployed. Unfortunately for the jobless market. German unemployment is now at a 10-month low. Both magazines have folded, and their journalists have become job-seekers.

The train brakes suddenly, there is a moment of confusion, then a voice comes on the loud-speaker to announce a disruption in traffic because of a "serious incident involving a passenger." It is happening much more often than in the past, reports Le Figaro of Paris. In the 1970s, about 50 people a year tried to take their lives by jumping in front of trains or Métros in the Paris area. This year, 124 people bave done so, and 70 of them died.

The victims tend to be young and often poor, according to Dr. Pierre Bailly, who studied the matter for the group SOS Amitie. Premeditated suicides happen very rarely in public places, he added, so he believes that most of those who leap are acting on impulse.

The Metro authority has tried to fight the problem, installing anti-suicide pits under the tracks on two lines, so that people might fall under trains. It also plans a system of automatic doors on the future Meteor line to keep people away from the tracks until the train is

Britain's advertising watchdog has con-demned the state rail network for an advertise-ment that showed 12 yellow condoms ar-ranged in a circle like the European Union

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A British Rail spokesman defended the advertisement, saying research showed a sig-nificant number of 18- to 25-year-olds bad sex on vacation without condoms.

Brian Knowlton

### As Sanctions Are Eased, U.S. Still Doubts Yugoslavia

By Barbara Crossette

New York Times Service UNITED NATIONS, New York -Despite the suspension of some sanctions against Yugoslavia on Wednesday. the Clinton administration is continuing to study reports that military supplies are still crossing the Serbian border into Bosnia, a U.S. official said.

But the administration has not yet

peared to be getting some weapons or tion, had honored the pledge. president, Slobodan Milosevic, pledged lution 943 of Sept. 23 allows the reopenin September to cut off such border ing of the Belgrade airport and the sea.

His comments came after the chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations, national cultural and sports events. But the administration has not yet decided whether to turn over its information to the United Nations, the official said, asserting that it is reluctant to divulge information on intelligence methods and sources.

Last week, Defense Secretary William

U.S. delegate to the United Nations, manonal cultural and sports events.

Madeleine K. Albright, had voted for the lifting of some of the sanctions if Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali cultural and sports events.

Wugoslavia was celebrating the easing of the sanctions, imposed 28 months ago for triggering the war in Bosnia, news agencies reported Wednesday from Belgrade.

port of Bar in Montenegro. Yugoslavia but important first step in lifting all will also be permitted to return to inter-

J. Perry said at a meeting of defense an international monitoring team this "The Blockade Has Fallen," the ministers of the North Atlantic Treaty organization that the Bosnian Serbs approximates what is left of the Yugoslav federation of

Brankovic, called UN action "a modest

sanctions. He said that the embargo should be lifted totally because it only encouraged people who wanted to continue the war

in Bosnia. The Bosnian Serbs, meanwhile, reneged on a promise to allow free move-

### British Publishers Set to Dish More Dirt on Diana

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LONDON --- Fresh trouble appeared on the horizon for Diana, Princess of Wales, on Wednesday with reports that more private-life revelations would follow the allegations this week that she had had a long affair with a cavalry officer.

At least two books about the life of the princess and her estranged husband, Prince Charles, are due out next month, ensuring that the couple's hitter feud will

stay in the beadlines. The Daily Express said one of the hooks, hy the author Andrew Morton, would name a married man as "now the central figure in ber life," someone sbe turned to for "comfort and support" as rumors spread of her ties to James Hewitt, a former captain in the

Life Guards. But Mr. Morton's publishers said his hook had nothing to do with the various scandalous allegations made about the Princess of Wales" in the Express. Buckingham Palace said the new story — which did not say that the two had had an affair — was pure

riage of the Prince and Princess of Wales, this time by a respected journalist. Jonathan Dimbleby, was thought to be due for publication within weeks.

Opinion polls showed Wednesday that the public still supported Diana despite the allegations in the gushing purple prose of "Princess in Love" that she had secretly made love to Mr. Hewitt from 1986 until

they drifted apart five years later. The book by Anna Pasternak, whose great-uncle Boris wrote the Russian classic "Doctor Zhivago," has sold 100,000 copies in three days, but the author and Mr. Hewitt, 36. are now in hiding.

Mr. Hewitt, who lost his joh in army cutbacks, has been blackballed by former fellow officers as a cad and bounder.

Miss Pasternak says Mr. Hewitt will not make a penny, but he has just bought a country mansion, and tabloid newspapers predicted be would earn up to \$5 million from the tales of passionate love sessions at the princess's London home and country estate.

British newspapers said a Hollywood film company

The book, dismissed by the palace as grubby and worthless, is the latest embarrassment for the royal family, following several years of marriage breakdowns, topless photos and tales of lavish expenditure with taxpayers footing the bill.

A poll by the Daily Mirror offered a dire warning to the House of Windsor, which for many has been turned into a glorified soap opera for enriching tabloids and paparazzi photographers.

Nearly three out of four people who were asked thought the monarchy should be scrapped in Britain after the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

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Even staunch monarchists, seeing that something must be done to salvage the monarchy's reputation, have begun this week to call for Charles and Diana to divorce quickly, or for Charles to renounce his claim to the throne in favor of his 12-year-old son, William.

In the poll, only 27 percent of readers blamed the 33-year-old princess for the alleged affair. Her poptilarity also seems not to have been harmed by allegawas already planning a film of Diana's life starring tions that she harassed a male friend with pest phone Yet, another volume featuring the unbulent roar-Michelle Pfeiffer.

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By John Schwartz ashington Post Service

ASHINGTON - In findings that will shock no one who gropes for the coffee pot first thing in the morning, an article published in Wednesday's issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association reports that "caffeine exhibits the features of a typical psychoactive substance of dependence."

The authors of the report, Roland R. Griffiths and colleagues of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, have even given this fact a name: "caffeine dependence syndrome."

That caffeine can create a physiological dependence has been known for some time. For regular caffeine users — and that includes 80 percent of adult Americans — even a day without caffeinc can lead to headache, lethargy and depression, as the same group of researchers found in an earlier study. But the new research puts those physical symptoms in the broader context of the diagnostic framework used by the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition (DSM-IV), which sets criteria for diagnosing substance dependence.

Along with physical withdrawal symptoms, the researchers used three other criteria for dependence under the DSM-IV guidelines, including persistent desire, dose tolerance, and unsuccessful efforts to control use - in some cases, despite recurrent physical problems that might be made worse by

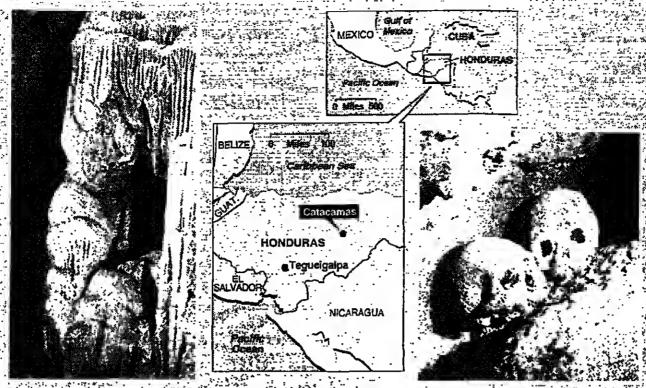
Of the 27 people in the study (all of whom identified themselves as heing dependent on caffeine), 94 percent experienced withdrawal when taken off caffeine, and the same percentage continued to use the substance despite physical or psychological problems that they associated with the use of the drug. Eighty-one percent had been unsuccessful in efforts 10 cut down. The researchers found that 16 of the volunteers fulfilled all four of the DSM-IV criteria for a diagnosis of substance dependence.

Dr. Griffiths, a behavioral pharmacologist and one of the authors of the JAMA study, said his work in no way constitutes an attack on coffee or other caffeine-containing beverages. "This paper doesn't say that you should stop caffeine" if it doesn't appear to be causing you problems. he said. The researchers suggested further study to establish the prevalence of the condition, and concluded that "further characterization of the dependence syndrome of the most widely used psychoactive drug in the world may also serve as a useful model for understanding the dependence syndromes of other drugs."

HE Food and Drug Administration is considering regulating tobacco products hased on the addictive nature of nicotine. Opponents of regulation have often tried to show parallels between tobacco and other widely used substances, such as caffeine,

FDA officials and medical experts have objected to the comparison, and continued to do so in light of the new study. Jack E. Henningfield, a scientist at the National Institute on Drug Ahuse, called caffeine dependence "a benign drug addiction," and said he disagreed with the logic that says, "if you regulate nicotine you have to regulate caffeine — it's two different animals."

The FDA spokesman, Jim O'Hara, said that the agency authority to regulate caffeine is well established. "The FDA has regulated caffeine as both a food and a drug for many years. Mr. O'Hara said. He added that the FDA has the power to restrict levels of caffeine that might be "ordinarily injurious to health," a line that even a double espresso does



In a Hondurun cave, archaeologists have found remnants of an unidentified culture.

### Pre-Columbian Palace of Dead

By John Noble Wilford New York Times Service

ATACAMAS, Honduras - The narrow road into the Honduran rain forest was a mire of black mud, a grinding test for the hardiest four-wbeeldrive vehicles. After fording a wild river, everyone had to get out and hike up a steep slope crawling with fire ants and bounded by walls of vines hanging from tall trees.

This was the way to Cueva de Rio Talgua, the Cave of the River Talgua, a haunting place the explorers had taken to calling the Cave of the Glowing Skulls. It is the site of a newfound archaeological mystery.

A tongue of water rushed out of the cave's mouth. Following the stream, sometimes wading up : :neir thighs, archaeologists plunged several hundred yards into the interior for their first scientific examination of a discovery made in April.

They ventured through side passages and up into chambers well above stream level. They finally passed through a small opening near the ceiling of one chamber and by the light of their beadlamps, caught their first sight of an assonishing scene - a pre-Columbian palace for the dead.

high. Timeless seepage of water through limestone had left de- ics, be said, the burials could posits of calcite everywhere, have been as recent as A. D. 500

seemingly frozen in midflow. In the recesses of the curtains, in every crevice and on every ledge, were piles of human skulls and bones, sparkling ly relating it to a certain time." with coatings of tiny calcium crystals.

James E. Brady, an archaeologist at George Washington University and leader of the investigation, spoke with growing excitement "Look here, two, four, five,

six skulls," be said. "Here's some red pigment, something often associated with burials as far back as the Neanderthals. Who knows how many more bones are heneath these, cemented in the calcite?"

After several visits to the cavern. Dr. Brady estimated that the visible remains represented from 100 to 200 individuals. Who were they, to what ancient culture did they belong? When did they live and die?

Dr. Brady, who specializes in Mayan cave archaeology, said the evidence so far ruled out any close relationship to the Maya, whose civilization domi-nated upper Central America and southern Mexico in the first millennium.

But the 20 undecorated ce-Stalactites of calcium car- ramic bowls and two thin marbonate, calcite, dripped from ble vases found with the bones the ceiling of a cavern more could not be matched with the

than 100 feet (30 meters) long, styles of known non-Mayan similar to those found in the 12 feet wide and up to 25 feet cultures in what is now Hondu-cave, he said. ras. Based largely on the ceram-

> or as early as 300 B. C. "It's frustrating," he sighed.
> "We have all this beautiful material and no way of immediate-A pasture less than a mile

from the cave entrance may hold answers. There, George Hasemann, director of archaeof Anthropology and History in Tegucigalpa, who accompanied Dr. Brady, identified more than 100 large rectangular mounds, presumably remains of an anshards recovered there were northwest Honduras.

As the next step in trying to solve the mystery of the Talgua cave, Dr. Hasemann proposed a thorough reconnaissance of the mounds, beginning with some test trenches. Such exploration. combined with the cave findings, could open a window on a previously unknown culture' that lived in the shadow of the

mighty Maya civilization.
What is known is that the ology at the Honduran Institute area of central and northeast Honduras was a heavily populated region on the periphery of the Maya cultures. The people undoubtedly had some contact with the Maya, particularly cient settlement. Some pottery with the great city of Copan in

### World on Alert For Suspected Cases of Plague

By Lawrence K. Altman New York Times Service

EW YORK - As internntional medical surveillance for plague intensifies, at least six countries bave investigated suspect cases from India hut none have been confirmed, health of-

A woman passing through customs at Kennedy Interna-tional Airport on Monday after arriving from India was sent to Bellevue Hospital be-cause she was coughing and had a fever of 100.8 degrees Fahrenheit (38.2 degrees centigrade), a federal health official said. Tests indicated she did not have plague.

Earlier, the bacterial infection was ruled out in two other airline passengers who arrived in New York and in Dallas in recent days, the official, Dr. Duane J. Gubler of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in Atlanta, said.

Five other countries — Bangladesh, Canada, England, Germany and Pakistan - have investigated suspected cases among travelers who became ill within a week of leaving India, where an epidemic of the pneumonic form of the disease has struck in recent weeks.

Although the World Health Organization has not advised against travel to India, the UN agency is about to add New Delhi to its list of plague-infect-ed areas because Indian officials have reported four secondary cases there. New Delhi will remain on the list for two weeks ficials said.

after the last case is reported there, Dr. Lindsey Martinez, a WHO official said.

India has reported 4,780 suspected cases of plague, including 51 deaths, to WHO.

Airlines in several countries have suspended flights to and from India and some countries have banned cargo from India. But there were signs that several countries were about to ease the stiff controls soon as Indian health officials said the tide was turning against the disease.

Health officials are deliberately spreading a wide net to include many cases that may not be plague in order not to miss any that are.

On Tuesday, for example, Dr. Gubler said that laboratory tests confirmed that a 12-year old boy in Long Beach, California, had developed dengue fe-ver, not plague, 10 days after his return from India.

NEUMONIC plague symptoms usually develop within one to six days after exposure to the plague bacillus. As symptoms begin to develop, an infected individual can pass the plague-causing bacterium, Yer-sinia pestis, to others through droplets in the air from coughs

Plague should be suspected in anyone who has traveled to a plague-infected area and within a week developed these symptoms: acute progressive respiratory illness with fever and cough, with or without bloody sputum, or a fever and tender. swollen lymph nodes, health of-

TERNATION!

### Versace: Rare Understatement

By Suzy Menkes

ILAN -At last, a nice navy take-you-anywhere suit with a fitted jacket and simple knee-length skirt from Gianni Versace. Versace? Versace! The emperor of over-the-top fashion drew back from the brash trasb of his recent collections. Sure the models in his spring-summer show looked sexy. Why, some of them did not even bave time to get underpants on, before stepping out in goddess gowns that were draped bere and slashed there, revealing a length of leg from waist to ankle.

But with their heavenly bodies, the models seemed like

sirens, not streetwalkers. Other Milanese designers who have followed in the wake of the shiny sexpot clothes of last

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season's Versace now look rather silly. Not to mention Elton John, head-to-toe in scarlet vinyl in the front row with Sylvestor Stallone and David Copperfield.

Versace gave a lively, witty, well-paced show, in which for every buttock-skimming Grecian tunic (underpants attached) there was a relatively sensible outfit: a fitted suit, with corset books tracing the seams or a simple dress in sweet-pea pastels. Some were patterned with meadow flowers or butterflies. And the same summery prints on terry cloth robes, swimsuits and Miami-style towel-turbans enhanced the impression that Versace's urban molls were taking a breath of clean air.

"I tried to be young and fresh," said Versace, taking compliments backstage among the bevy of supermodels who drew crowds of groupies outside the Milan palazzo. The designer said that the draped dresses were "a memory of my childhood," referring to his dressmaker mother. They also had a glancing reference to the antique classical statues that

But the Grecian gowns and the tautly fitted suits seemed more a throwback to vintage Hollywood designers like Adrian who dressed Silver Screen stars in a glamorous fashion. Today's supermodels are the equivalent of the cinema starlets and on them fashion's current glam style was given cut and thrust by Versace's scissored handkerchief-point hemlines and molded corset bodices. In slender dresses with fishtails of fabric flipping from a fitted torso, the statuesque Linda Evangelista and the sensuous Claudia Schiffer looked like bionic mermaids.

Versace gave the elaborate evening gowns a modern allure by using stretch fabrics and hullding the dresses without any understructure (or indeed underwear). It made a fine show, although beaven knows who hut a supermodel could wear silk jersey slipping and slithering across the naked curves, or walk in strappy stiletto sandals with a dress gripping thighs and knees. A great body was, as ever, Versace's main agenda.

"I saw the two shows," said Schiffer's fiance, Copperfield. "One show I looked at the bodies, and the next one at the clothes."

HE return of the fresb flower print, inspired by Falconetto designs for Ken Scott in the early 1960s, may turn out to be the most important trend in Milan. Blooms sprouting from pots, slices of citrus fruit and flower-and-butterfly prints starred at Gucci's show Wednesday. So did the shoes, as models staggered in high-heeled thong-between-toes mules or wore what must be the world's most expensive flip-flop sandals.



Versace's draped dress with butterfly print.

And the clothes? Everything you might expect to find on a And the clothes? Everyining you might expect to find on a current magazine spread: cropped sweaters, narrow pants, back-to-the-1950s slim or full-skirted dresses. And those knee-length bemlines, which designers and fashion editors keep pushing, although they still seem irredeemably retrograde. Designer Tom Ford's look, although well-done, looked back, what with Gucci's shiny patent bucket bags, Doris Day purses and a vague feeling of Capri and Grace Kelly.

It was similar at Ferragamo, where the American designer Steven Slowik sent out pretty, ladylike clothes, from curvy dresses with short jackets to simple tailoring in bright colors or quiet checks. There was more of Capri revisited in crepe or quer coecks. There was more of Capri revisited in crepe hlouses and narrow pants in peach and apricot sorbet shades. But Slowik made a good job of reinforcing Ferragamo's image of class and luxury by using beige suede with ecru linen and gilded leather with navy tailoring. He even made Milan's favorite disco theme seem upscale and credible by cutting metallic fabrics on clean lines. And the dainty shoes, as befits Ferragamo, were glamorous without being ridiculous.

# Microbial Life Deep in the Planet

By William J. Broad
New York Times Service

EW YORK - Fiction writers have fantasized about it. Prominent scientists have theorized about it. Experimentalists have delved into it. Skeptics have ridiculed it. But for decades, nobody has had substantial evidence one way or another on the question of whether the depths of the rocky earth harbor anything that could be considered part of the spectacle of life -

Two teams of scientists, drilling deep beneath land and sea, have independently come up with tantalizing clues that swarms of microbial life thrive deep within the planet, the evidence in one case coming from a depth of nearly two miles.

Like a lost world, these communities of microbes have been cut off from the all other life on the planet for millions of years, in some cases since the age of dino-

"We're finding lots of organisms down there," said Dr. David R. Boone, an environmental microbiologist at the Oregon Graduate Institute in Portland. The microbes brought to the surface are

sometimes unique, including the first bacillus ever discovered that is a strict anaerobe, meaning it can live and grow only where there is no oxygen. Its proposed name is Bacillus infernus, hacillus from

The findings are seen as lending sup-port to the theory, once disparaged but rapidly gaining credibility, that the earth has a hidden biosphere of ancient life extending down many miles, whose total mass may rival or exceed that of all sur-

"It's a very hot topic," Dr. Henry L. Ehrlich, a biologist at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and editor of The Geomicrobiology Journal, said in an interview.

"The fact that organisms can be found at this extreme depth is a surprise. From the study of soils, it had generally been asstudy of soils. It had generally been as-sumed that below very shallow depths, microbes weren't likely to be found. The thinking now is that these organisms aren't just resting there in a state of suspended animation but, when the right conditions prevail, they metabolize and grow."

Dr. John A. Baross, a biologist at the University of Washington in Seattle who. was an early supporter of the deep-bio-

One bacillus thrives only where there is no oxygen. Its proposed name is the Bacillus infernus.

sphere idea, said: "So far all the evidence supports it. The implications are that it's an extensive environment."

The repercussions of the discoveries are not just academic.

One of the drilling programs, run by the U.S. Department of Energy, has isolated more than 5,000 microbes from the deep earth and is making them available to scientists in government and industry.

"There's a lot of interest," said Dr. Frank J. Wohher, head of the subsurface science program at the Energy Department in Washington.

Thriving under high heats and pressures, the microbes are seen as harboring a trea-sure trove of rare genes and hiochemical processes that may yield innovative medical and biochemical tools. Some of the microbes are already being scanned for antibiotics and agents that might help fight diseases like cancer and AIDS.

Asked if the deep drilling might open a Pandora's box of new buman ills, the discoverers generally said the subterranean microbes were adapted to an environment so hostile and alien as to greatly reduce the odds of human infection.

"It's doubtful that an organism from a strange environment separated from man would be pathogenic," said Dr. Boone of the Oregon Graduate Institute. "The best place to incubate a virulently pathogenic organism is where you have people. There's no reason to fear deep contamina-

Dr. Tullis C. Onstott, a geologist from Princeton University who is a member of the Energy Department team, noted that "every day the earth is uplifted" as its deep parts are hrought naturally to the surface by geological forces, and their microbes "thrown back into the pool."

Until relatively recently, ideas and evidence of deep life were considered either heretical or impossible to defend. The main problem was the risk of contamina-

tion from surface microbes. No matter how detailed the precautions, deep drillers looking for microhial evi-dence had a hard time convincing their peers of positive results.

But a mix of old and new techniques is changing all that, including the steriliza-tion of drilling rigs and coring tools and the use of physical and chemical tracers to monitor the flow of fluids in the drilling circulation systems, lowering the risk that surface contamination could be mistaken

The new drilling methods, said Dr. Ehrlich, of Rensselaer, "are very careful."

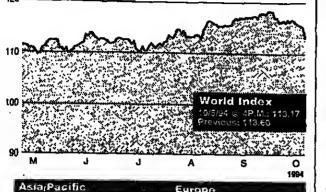
Another team's report is in the current issue of the British scientific journal Na-ture. Dr. R. John Parkes and eight British colleagues analyzed drillings from the Pa-cific Ocean floor down to depths of 1,700 feet (about 515 meters). The deepest samples came from the Sea of Japan.

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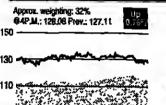


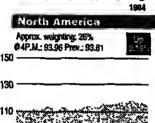
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INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

By Mike Zwerin
memational Herald Tribune

drums. Being "chairman emeritus" suits

In 1990, Mr. Rosen sold Grusin Rosen

Productions, the record company he founded with Dave Grusin, a pianist and

consult with the new management.

Messrs. Grusin and Rosen met in the

late 1950s while playing with the New-

port Youth Band, made up of teen-agers

from the New York area hired by the

singer Andy Williams. They also played with Henry (The "Pink Panther" theme)

Mancini. By the age of 22, Mr. Rosen was making a good living as a free-lance

After marrying in 1966, he decided to

get off the road. He huilt a two-track

studio in his home in New Jersey. His

musician friends came out often to re-

cord, and he learned to love sound engineering. Not yet 30, he was landing well-

paid contracts to record jingles for radio

Mr. Rosen signed his first record deal

and TV commercials.

him just fine.

ARIS - Two things Larry Ro-

sen does not want to do any

more at the age of 54 are to run a

large corporation and to play the

### Columbia Acquires Hospitals

\$5.4 Billion Pact For HealthTrust

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LOUISVILLE, Kentucky—
Columbia/HCA HealthCare
Corp., the largest U.S. hospital
company, said Wednesday it
would acquire HealthTrust Inc.
The \$5.4 billion transaction

carries further the trend of consolidation in the U.S. healthcare industry. Columbia said the combined companies would bave about \$15 billion in annual revenue. After the merger, Columbia would own and operate 311 hospitals with about 60,000

beds and 125 outpatient centers

in 37 states and two other coun-

tries. The company would have 172,000 employees. The buyout portends a rise in value for rural hospitals in the United States, analysts said.

Healthtrust has 115 bospitals, mainly in rural areas in the South and West,

"It's the smartest move that's been made to date in the creation of Columbia," said Mi-chael M. LeConey, an analyst with Ray Dirks Research in New York. Columbia has bought three

hig health-care providers in stock deals recently. Last month, it acquired Medical Care America Inc., one of the higgest U.S. operators of outpa-tient centers, for about \$1.1 billion in stock. Eight months ago, it hought HCA-Hospital Corp. for \$7.6 billion, a year after it had bought Galen Health Care Inc. for \$3.5 hillion. Columbia will swap 0.88 of a share of its stock for each

HealthTrust share and assume about \$1.8 billion in Health-Trust debt. That would value Healthtrust stock at \$37.62, on the basis of Columbia's \$42.75 share price at Tuesday's close. Columbia's share fell \$2

### Knowledge at a Price Reed Has Mead Data, Ziff Deal in Doubt

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches

AMSTERDAM - Reed Elsevier PLC has achieved its goal of buying the Lexis and Nexis information services, but some analysis said Wednesday that the British-Dutch media

conglomerate had paid too high a price.

Reed is buying Mead Data Central for \$1.5 hillion, which is about 15 times the company's operating income. Analysts said that \$1 billion was the expected price for the unit, and it appears that Reed world at the expectation. appeared that Reed would at least curtail its pursuit of a second American media company, Ziff Communications Co.

In August, Reed Elsevier said it had approached both companies about possible takeovers, part of its plan to focus on the American business publishing industry. Ziff Communications had been put up for sale by the Ziff family, and Mead Corp. decided to sell its electronic-information unit so it could focus on forest products.

Mead Data includes the Lexis legal-information data base, Nexis news-data base and the Edgar on-line distribution of Securities and Exchange Commission documents. Mead's databases comprise nearly 500 million docu-ments, including more than a decade of the contents of The New York Times, plus 4,000

other news, legal and financial publications.
Coupled with its existing publications, the acquisition automatically makes Reed Elsevier one of the largest publishers of legal information in the world.

On Wednesday, Reed said it was unlikely to huy all of Ziff, although it was still interested in parts of the magazine publisher, "You would be wrong to reach the conclusion that we had no further interest in it," said Nigel Stapleton, chief financial officer of Elsevier NV, which along with Reed International PLC owns Reed Elsevier.

Earlier, Erik Ekker, the Elsevier company secretary, said the company was "unlikely to proceed" with the proposed acquisition of Ziff.

It's a bit too much to do two of these," he said. But a Briush stock analyst said: "Ziff is a large lump to swallow for one huyer, and the price is probably too steep. They may have no choice except to break it up. I think Reed would be interested in parts of it."

Yet while Reed Elsevier was not expected to have trouble financing the Mead Data purchase, its debt ratings have come under pressure. Standard & Poor's Corp. and Moody's Investors Service Inc., the two leading credit-rating agency's Reed Elsevier on review for possible downgrades.

"The takeover price was disappointing; it was too high," said Michael Molenaar, an analyst at Robeco Effectenbank.

Mr. Stapleton said the deal would be financed with \$500 million in cash and \$1 billion in borrowed funds. The acquisition comes just before shares of Reed Elsevier are to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday.

One of Mead's unique assets is the exclusive right to much of the electronic archival content of The New York Times. Mr. Stapleton said discussions with the newspaper about continuing that relationship would start immediately.
"Reed Elsevier has no competitive relationships with The New York Times," he said. "and we very much hope we can continue on in the same terms as Mead has enjoyed in past."

An analyst at Henderson Crosthwaite Institutional Brokers said there had been talk that some contributors to the Lexis and Nexis networks could withdraw their information because the system was changing hands.

(AFX, NYT, Bloomberg, Reuters)

### **U.S. Chip Group Losing Subsidies**

By Elizabeth Corcoran Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON - The U.S. electronic chip industry was due to announce Wednesday that its 7-year-old research consortium, Sematech, will relinguish its annual federal allotment of \$90 million by late 1996. The consortium will continue its work using corporate

Wednesday, to \$40.75, while The Defense Department, Healthtrust rose \$2.25 to \$34.25. (NYT, Bloomberg, AP) which has provided the funding, is likely to redirect its \$90

million to technologies considered critical to the defense in-

Most of the money may still support chip research, according to a senior defense official. But "there's no guarantee that the full \$90 million stays in research," he said, referring to re-

search on chips.
Industry and government officials hailed Sematech's decision, saying it showed they could work together in times of stress and break off when the

industry regains momentum. Sematech was founded in 1987, when the U.S. chip induscompanies. The government and industry agreed to contribute \$100 million a year to bolster research on tools and techniques for making sophisticated memory chips and processors. That funding had been trimmed to \$90 million apiece two years

ago. In the past few years, U.S. chip makers have staged an impressive comeback in world markets. Sematech has claimed much of the credit. But compa-

quality and design of their products on their own, said industry analysts.

Sematech's board decided in July to cut the government funding and has since been finalizing the details. The consorlium's 11 member companies have pledged to continue supporting its efforts. Sematech intends to work

closely with a still-to-be-named government advisory panel to help the government set longterm research priorities.

In addition, Sematech hopes to be a broker between governtry was staggering in the face of competition from Japanese wate companies. "We believe we continue to be the forum for developing an industrywide consensus on future technology requirements," said Frank Squires, chief administrative officer at Sematech. Sematech's chief executive

officer William Spencer was expected to say that the company's supporters in Congress had urged it to come forward with a new model that ended direct federal funding and that the company had "answered that nies have also improved the challenge."

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#### In its ruling, the European Court of Justice said EU import quotas on Latin American pro-ducers were justified to protect Europe's few producers as well as growers in more than a dozen African and Caribbean counmore generous quotas. tries that have preferential trade relations with the Union. Britain and France have been the staunchest supporters of

Germany Loses

**Quota Ruling in** 

EU Banana Case

By Tom Buerkle

International Herald Tribuna

BRUSSELS — Germany lost a legal bid Wednesday to over-

turn the European Union's

quotas on banana imports. But

far from resolving the bitterly contested issue, the ruling may

turn it into an early test case for

new global trade rules, officials

The decision also raised the possibility of a banana war be-

tween the United States and

Europe, European and Ameri-

Chiquita Brands Internation-

al has asked the U.S. Trade

Representative's Office to open

an investigation into aspects of

"This is a test case," said Claudio Riedel Telge, ambassa-dor to the European Union for Guatemala, which has fought the quotas since the Union im-

posed them in July 1993.

can officials said.

these countries, many of which are their former colonies. But the ruling was a big set-hack for Germany, which is by solved, it will go to the WTO." far Europe's biggest consumer.

Germany, which had no previous import restraints, has seen retail prices surge 60 percent, to about 3.30 Deutsche marks (\$2) a kilngrant since the

quotas began. Germany traditionally has bought the bulk of its bananas from more competitive Latin American producers, the main growers affected by the quotas.

Mr. Riedel reiterated a threat made this year by five Latin American countries including Guatemala, Panama and Ecuador, the world's higgest hanana grower, to attack the EU quotas in the World Trade Organization unless their access to the EU market is expanded.

The existing trade body, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, has ruled twice that the quotas are illegal but has no power to enforce those rulings. The WTO, which will replace GATT next year, will be able to

enforce rulings, While German officials say they could not openly fight EU rules in a global forum such as the WTO, they say the threat of such action could help Bonn persuade its EU partners to set

U.S. officials said they hoped the threat of trade retaliation. either unilaterally or through the WTO, would persuade the Union to overlead its quota re-

"I'm sure if nothing is reone U.S. official said.

### **Kazarian Tries Again** To Acquire Borden

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispercing

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Paul Kazarian, chief of Japonuca Partners & Co., said Wednesday he was preparing a detailed bid for a stake in Borden Inc., the beleaguered food and dairy giant, even though the company's board recommended that shareholders approve a takeover bid from Kohlberg, Kravis.

Roberts & Co.
In a letter to Borden, Mr. Kazarian offered no details, but a spokesman said those would he contained in a proposal "in the next few weeks.

Borden had no official response. On Sept. 24, Borden said it had signed an agreement to sell itself for \$2 hillion to Kohlberg, Kravis, which had brushed off last-minute overtures from Japonica Partners, which is headed by Mr. Kazarian.

Under KKR's offer, the stockholders would receive \$14.25 of shares in RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp. for every Borden

Previously, Mr. Kazarian said he wanted help from the board in picking from a variety of proposals that could give Borden shareholders \$16 to \$18 a share in exchange for as much as 90 percent of the company.

Borden has declined to help or to open its books until Mr. Kazarian signs a confidentiality agreement and provides a detailed proposal with evidence of financing. "We recognize it's incumbent upon us to develop a propos-

al," said Mr. Kazarian's spokesman. Richard Nicolazzo. Japonica Partners said a description of the plan's financing would "follow the determination of a transaction structure."

(Bloomberg, AP, Knight-Ridder)

**CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES** 

#### arranger, to MCA Inc. for \$40 million. When Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. purchased MCA less than a year later, the value of the stock that they had reluctantly accepted in the deal had risen to \$60 million. Lucky coincidence? Mr. Rosen's five-year contract as president expires at year-end. MCA asked him to renew it. He flashed the wide "winner's smile" he wears so well and quoted his own reply: "Thank you very much, but you guys made me a very He will leave to explore multimedia publishing in the form of CD-ROM compact disks. His new two-year contract with MCA calls for him to find artists and

Different Drummer Finds a New Beat

singer to RCA. Wanting to "sweeten it up" with strings, he hired Mr. Grusin to

write the arrangements and direct the

session. They were soon putting pack-

ages together as Grusin Rosen Produc-

cords sent over a young guitarist named Earl Klugh for evaluation. The new pro-

duction team decided to record him on

Dr. George Butler of Blue Note Re-

acoustic guitar, something that was not PC in the early '70s. All three Klugh albums sold very well indeed.

Mr. Rosen literally humped into Clive

Davis, the president of Arista Records. getting on an airplane (another coincidence). Mr. Davis suggested they join forces. What would become the independent GRP Records began by delivering fully engineered and mixed master tapes to Arista for manufacture, release, publicity and distribution. The GRP logo when he sold a demonstration record he had produced with an unknown young was on the package.

The jazz that was making them so successful was in fact closer to instrumental pop and commercial rock-fusion, with top-of-the-line people such as Lee Ritenauer, Spyro Gyra, the Yellowjackets and Chick Corea. Tom Browne's "Funkin' for Jamaica" sold 700,000 units, enormous even for commercial jazz.

In 1979, they heard about an engineer in Salt Lake City, Utah, who had rigged a computer to translate analog sound into numbers: digital sound. They flew him and his machine into New York and immediately recognized the result as "a giant step forward."

The technology was ahead of its time. Because no medium existed for digital sound, the music had to be transferred back to analog records at great cost to quality. The extra process cost \$7,500 an album, a price Arista refused to continue paying, since most of the quality was being lost anyway. With a policy of "this is the future" and a new logo "The Digital Master Company," GRP struck out on its own. The compact disk did not exist.

In the early 1980s, Sony Corp. and Philips NV came to the United States to demonstrate their new digital sound process. There was hardly any software. GRP produced a demonstration CD of songs associated with Glenn Miller called "In the Digital Mood," which was used, along with samplers from the manufacturers, to demonstrate the improved

Because of that this-is-the-future policy. GRP was the only company with an inventory of digital master tapes. Their people sent the tapes to be manufactured in Japan and imported the CDs.

If they ordered 3,000, they sold 8,000; when they ordered 10,000, by the time the albums came in they had sold 20,000. Mr. Rosen smiles, as though embarrassed hy how good it looks in retrospect.

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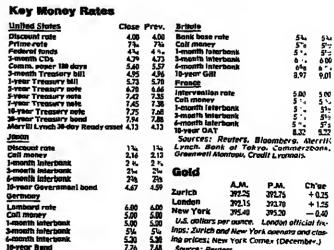
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NEW YORK — The dollar slid against most other major currencies Wednesday as a stronger-than-expected increase in U.S. factory orders ignited a new round of inflation

Orders to American manufacturers surged 4.4 percent in

#### Foreign Exchange

August, while shipments posted the biggest gain in 15 years. The news pushed up bond prices tumbling.

bond and stock market," said policy. David Wilson of Credit Lyonnais in New York.

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nais in New York.

The dollar slipped to 5.2725 French francs from 5.2863 Tuesday and to 1.2780 Swiss francs from 1.2845 francs. The pound was at \$1.5865, up from

yields and sent blue-chip share could indicate whether the Fed-The dollar followed the makers will tighten monetary

The dollar was at 1.5430 cent in August to 5.9 percent Deutsche marks, down from this month, with 300,000 new

#### MARKET: Interest Rate Jitters

#### Continued from Page 1

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 13.47 points Wednesday, to 3,787.34, and was down 67.29 for the week. Losing issues outnumbered gaining ones by a 4-to-1 ratio on the New

York Stock Exchange The yield on the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond jumped to 7.94 percent from 7.88 per-

#### U.S. Stocks

cent Tuesday. The price fell 22/32 point, to 94 30/32. Analysts said the slump

the bond market was likely to continue until investors were convinced that the Fed was being vigilant in its fight against

hank's previous rate increases as being too small and too nu- from "huy" at Oppenheimer & merous to have a significant economic impact.

fore," said Kevin McClintock, who manages fixed-income investments at Aeltus Investment compactor supply contract val-Management Inc. in Hartford,

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99.50 yen, down from 99.63 yen Tuesday.

"The dollar followed the bond and stock market," said David Wilson of Credit Lyon-

The financial markets are awaiting U.S. unemployment figures for September, which eral Reserve System's policy-

Analysis are expecting unem-ployment to fall from 6.1 per-

#### Connecticut, "The Fed tightens incrementally, and the econovalue of fixed-income securi-

my doesn't react. The stocks of economically sensitive companies, which tend to respond quickly to interestrate changes on the theory that

higher rates will choke off sales, took the brunt of the losses. Motorola was the most ac-tively traded stock on the Big Board, leading a broad drop in

semiconductor issues. Intel, Advanced Micro Devices and Compaq Computer; also were among the high-technology losers.

Among other individual issues, AMR, the parent company of American Airlines, fell after being lowered to a "hold" from a "huy" by CS First Bos-

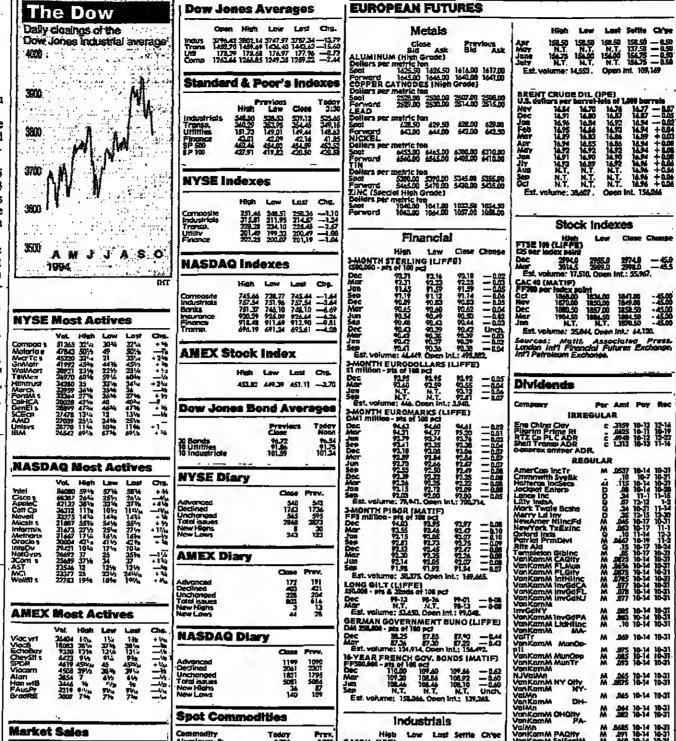
ton, Cott, which makes private-Many criticized the central label beverages, fell after it was ank's previous rate increases lowered to "market performer" Co. Oppenheimer and Lehman Brothers both lowered earnings We've seen this dance be- estimates for the company.

Rexworks fell after the U.S. Army canceled a five-year soilued at a maximum of \$32 million. The work was instead awarded to Caterpillar, whose shares also fell.

Alteon rose after the pharmaceutical company said it had been granted a European patent covering its technology that helps treat diseases associated

with diabetes and aging.

American Medical Electronics, which makes products for bone healing, fell after it said third-quarter earnings would be helow analysts' expectations.
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### American Express to Cut 6,000 Jobs

NEW YORK (AP) — American Express Co. will eliminate 6,000 jobs over the next 18 to 24 months to improve profitability,

the company said Wednesday. About 4,000 of the cutbacks will come at card operations in Phoenix, Arizona, and related offices in Jacksonville and Miami-Lakes, Florida, the company said. Another 2,000 jobs will be cut! throughout the financial services conglomerate, famous for its green, gold and platinum charge cards.

The cutbacks are not expected to affect American Express's earnings, the company said. American Express would not estimate its savings from the downsizing effort.

### Citicorp Adds Stocks Trading to ATM

NEW YORK (AP) — Citibank has added a service to its 1,800 teller machines that lets affluent customers buy or sell stocks and check their investments, the bank said Wednesday.

Customers of Citicorp Investment Services, a subsidiary that

offers brokerage services and sells mutual funds, and customers with at least \$100,000 in the bank can initiate buy and sell orders.

that are later executed by Citicorp brokers.

The service is currently available at 1,200 Citibank ATMs in-New York, and at machines in Chicago and Miami. ATMs in San Francisco and Washington will get the service by the end of the

month. The biggest U.S. bank, Citibank is the first to put stock services on automatic teller machines, said Maria Rullo, a spokeswoman. The move is part of Citibank's program to allow customers to do any banking transaction electronically, either by telephone, personal computer or cash machine.

#### Apple Shares Gain on Takeover Talk

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Apple Computer Inc. shares roses amid speculation the company may be the subject of a takeover or substantial investment by Motorola Inc., traders and analysts said

Apple spokeswoman Betty Taylor and Motorola spokesman

Apple spokeswoman Betty Taylor and Motorola spokesman. George Grimsrud declined to comment on the speculation.

Apple shares closed \$4.125 higher, at \$37.875, but Motorola slipped to \$50.125.

The takeover talk comes in the wake of Motorola's plans to huild a low-cost line of desktop computer systems to boost sales of its PowerPC microprocessor. Motorola, based in Schaumburga Illinois, developed the PowerPC with Apple and International Business Machines Corp. to better compete with Intel Corp.

#### Liquidity Woes Hit Carolco

LOS ANGELES (Bloomberg) — Carolco Pictures Inc. said Wednesday it was experiencing "severe liquidity problems" from funding the preproduction expenses of the motion pictures "Showgirls" and "Cutthroat Island" from its current cash bal-

ances.

The film production company said production loans for the two movies, which were slated to begin filming this month, will not be available until later in the fourth quarter. The company blamed the delay in the loans on casting and production problems.

Carolco said it was in talks to transfer its rights to "Showgirls" to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc., which is 98.5 percent owned by Credit Lyonnais, the French state-owned bank.

The company said it reached a series of tentative agreements with Pioneer LDCA Inc., RCS Video International Services BV. and Le Studio Canal Plus, which should provide the company, with additional funds of about \$20 million and allow it complete. production of "Cutthroat Island."

#### Goldman Sachs to Cut Work Force

NEW YORK (AP) - Goldman, Sachs & Co., the higgest privately held U.S. investment hank, is considering cutting as much as 10 percent of its work force over the next several weeks, a

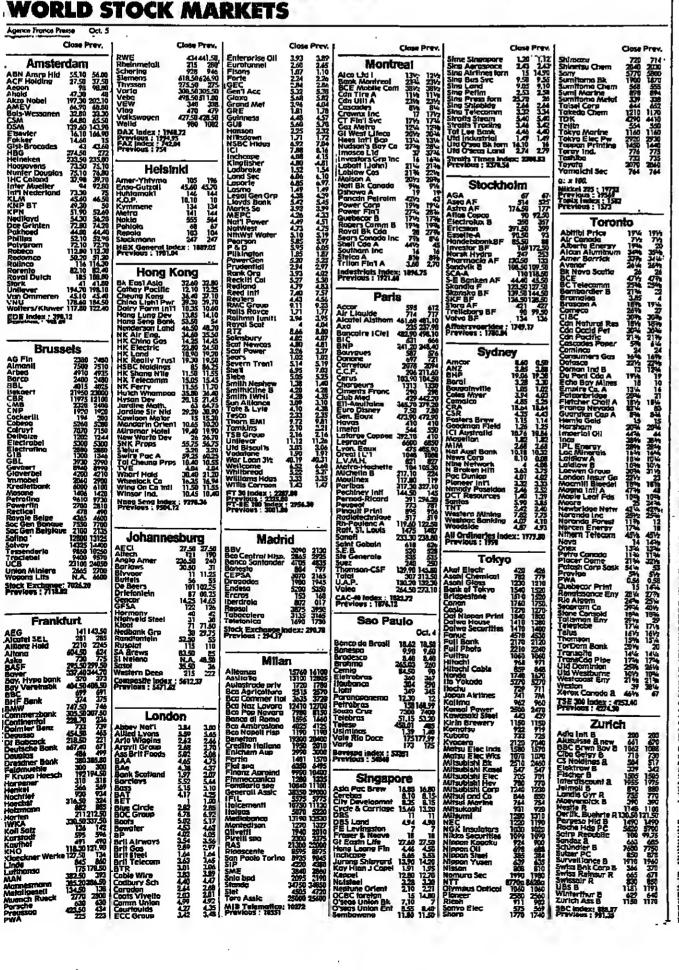
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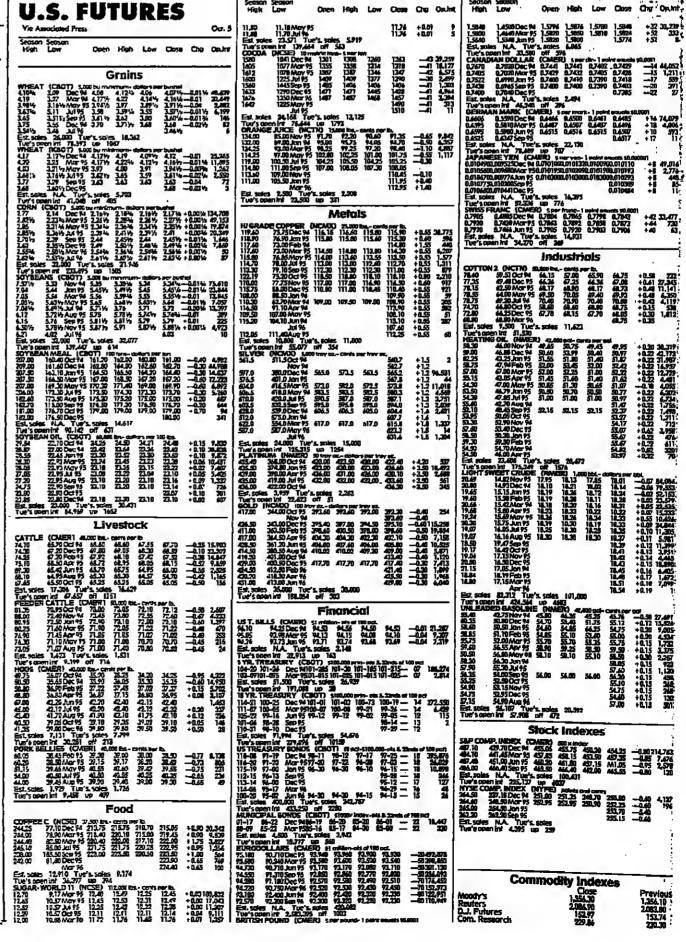
The cuts, ranging from 400 to 900 employees, are expected to hit traders and support staff in the firm's fixed-income department the hardest. Like other Wall Street firms, Goldman has suffered from sharply lower trading and underwriting profits as a

result of this year's bond market plunge.

Last year, Goldman reportedly earned \$2.3 billion, up 75 percent from 1992, making it the most profitable firm on Wall Street. But profits this year plummeted more than 70 percent in the nine months edded in August, largely as a result of trading losses, according to published reports. Goldman does not disclose

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### **Bouygues Shares Rise on Phone Deal**

pany won the right to lead a consortium to provide the third mobile telephone network in France.

Bouygues shares jumped to 587 French francs (\$111) from 576 francs Tuesday on the Paris Bourse.

The French government's choice of Bouygues ended a three-way battle involving it and Alcatel Alsthom SA and Lyonnaise des Eaux-Dumez. The phone network license lasts for 15 years.

The politically sensitive decision had

Balladur was trying hard not to alienate potential political allies ahead of next year's presidential election.

year's presidential election.

The government also chose Bouygues as part of a group to build a stadium near Paris for the 1998 soccer World Cup.

Bouygues also said Wednesday its first-half net profit rose 19 percent and that it planned to raise 1 billion francs through a Bouygues has a 74 percent stake; Jean-Clende Decaux SA, a city service compa-

The company said first-half earnings rose to 94 million francs from 79 million francs

PARIS — Shares of Bouygues SA rose 2 been delayed several times, causing some in the 1993 first half, helped by a 14 percent percent Wednesday, a day after the com- to speculate that Prime Minister Edouard increase in sales, to 29.3 billion francs. The results reflect the consolidation of

its TF1 television subsidiary for the first time. Excluding TF1, sales totaled 29.3 billion francs in the first half, unchanged

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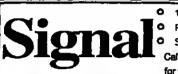
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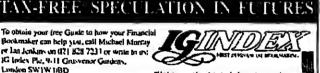
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### **EC Extends Ruling** On Car Dealerships

Blancherg Business News

BRUSSELS - The European Commission decided Wednesday to extend automakers' control of auto dealers for 10 years, but it is limiting that control to try to spur competition in the European Union's biggest industry.

Since 1985, the commission's agreement with automakers has permitted them to dictate where the dealers may be and bow many cars they may sell. The agreement allows automakers to stop their dealers from selling competing brands.

Consumer groups com-plained that the agreement caused a distortion in the 12nation EU by limiting competition among dealers and allowing carmakers to charge different prices in various EU different prices in various EU Thompson, a spokeswoman for markets. EU prices vary more than 20 percent for a quarter of pointing for consumers." than 20 percent for a quarter of European brands, the commission said.

The new conditions, which will be in effect for 10 years after the existing accord expires in June 1995, will "redress the balance" between automakers. dealers and consumers, said EU Competition Commissioner Karel Van Miert said.

The main changes in the parts wherever they please, pro-vided the parts are of equal under the new rules.

Bloomberg Business News

could add a premium to shares be favored just like

fresh coat of paint, may have provoked one fight

Union Bank of Switzerland last week acted

against the takeover threat it perceived in Mr.

Ebner, its largest shareholder. The board an-

nounced a plan to wipe out much of the voting

power of the 23 percent of UBS shares controlled

200 million Swiss francs (\$155 million). The rush

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matter next month.

ZURICH — Martin Ebner, the investor who

quality to those supplied by the carmaker. Previously carmakers could force their dealers to use their parts. Dealers earn up to 60 percent of their income from spare parts.

The new rules also allow dealers to advertise wherever they choose, while carmakers may presently prevent dealers from advertising outside their territory. Car dealers still will not be allowed to use direct mail to lure customers from outside their territory.

A Brussels-based consumer lohhying group, the Bureau Européen des Unions des Consommateurs, said the commission's actions did not go far

"The commission could have gone a lot further," said Valerie

She said consumers still would not be able to compare different hrands under the same roof, a key condition for comparing quality and prices of

Although the new rules allow dealers to sell competing hrands, this may only be done in separate premises operated by different managers. Caragreement include permission makers may also scrap agree-for car dealers to huy spare ments with their dealers if they makers may also scrap agreedecide to sell competing brands

**UBS Defense Dents Ebner's Armor** 

by two of Mr. Ebner's four listed investment companies. UBS shareholders are to vote on the

Since then, those shares bave plunged almost funds are the largest shareholders in two of Swit-

to sell shares of other companies in Mr. Ebner's Holding, "The small shareholders in BK Vision

stable has wiped a further 487 million francs off the market value of his listed investment vehicles.

Thought they were huying as investment fund to maximize the value," said Ian McEwan, a banks

the market," said Hans Kaufmann, the bead of Ebner sought to do that looks more like a corpo-

Julius Baer in Zurich. "Should he lose, and in my lose 30 percent or 40 percent overnight."

"Ebner now has to fight for his reputation in analyst at Merrill Lynch in London. "The way

### Browning on KKR Trail **Bid for Attwoods Echoes Borden Offer**

By Floyd Norris New York Times Service

Efforts by Browning-Ferris Industries Inc. to take over Attwoods PLC, a British environmental company, may he an example of a new acquisition strategy: Find an underperforming company and offer the sharebolders a low

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price, warning them that the choice is be-tween the bid and continued bad management by the incumbents.

In hidding low for a company whose sharebolders have good reason to be disgruntled, Browning-Ferris is following a path blazed recently by Kohlherg, Kravis, Roberts & Co. in its continuing attempt to buy Borden Inc.

But KKR managed to get the Borden board's support, while it appears certain that a majority of directors of Attwoods will oppose Browning-Ferris, the second largest waste management company in the United States.

The Browning-Ferris effort has become one of the more hostile hattles in recent years. British takeover laws require hidders to notify target companies hefore they begin their offers, and William D. Ruckelshaus, the chairman and chief executive of Browning Ferris,

At 2:30 A.M. on Sept. 20, he woke up Ken Foreman, the chief executive of Attwoods, to tell him the offer would be made in a few minutes, before the London market opened. The hour would have been less unfortunate had Mr. Foreman not been staying at his home in Florida, where Attwoods has a large part of its operations.

The offering dissected the recent performance of Attwoods, said that the company cent more than they are asking.

view the chance of that is extremely high, then a

analysts said, hoping UBS would raise the 5 percent voting limit on the shares so he could

gain control of the bank. He clearly was not

goading UBS to take such drastic action, will be

seen on Nov. 22 when a vote will be taken on the

of Mr. Ebner's group of companies; his BK Vision AG and Pharma Vision 2000 Ltd., closed-end

zerland's biggest companies, UBS and Roche

Whether Mr. Ebner overplayed his hand, by

The episode has focused attention on the tactics

Mr. Ebner was accumulating registered shares.

lot of his clients will not be satisfied."

expecting the UBS action.

Swiss brokerage research, and a director at Bank rate raider's strategy, with the risk their fund could according to MCA. Mr. Rosen

would never regain its former profitability and added that the stock price was unreasonahly high because of takeover speculation.

But because the Attwoods garhage-bauling husiness would fit in with Browning-Ferris and its waste dumps and recycling centers, Browning-Ferris was willing to buy the com-

pany anyway. But not at much of a price. The hid offered no premium to the market price, which was 34 percent below what the sbares had fetched six months earlier, before it became clear just bow bad a year Attwoods was having. Final results for the year that ended July 31 are not out yet, but everyone agrees the figures will

not be pretty. The largest shareholder of Attwoods, Laidlaw Inc. of Canada, already has agreed to sell its 30 percent stake to Browning-Ferris.

Although the hid was announced Sept. 20. Attwoods bas until Oct. 17 to respond to it. The offer is for 109 pence a share, or about \$8.60 for each American depository receipt, which represents five shares. Shareholders

might get a small additional payment later, if a suhsidiary is sold for a high price. In New York Stock Exchange trading Tuesday, the ADRs closed at \$9.125, down 12.5 cents. Mr. Ruckelshaus attributes the premium to speculation that he will raise his nid, something he refuses to rule out. But he

said he saw no reason to do so now. So far, the two largest American holders of Attwoods stock — the Fidelity and Franklin groups of mutual funds — have not signaled what they will do, and Mr. Foreman said he was not now looking for a white knight.

"We have to convince shareholders that it is the right thing to do, to stay with it." Mr. Foreman said. "It is certainly worth 50 per-

Puma, the former vice president

of Elektra Records who pro-

duced Natalie Cole. Miles Da-

Mr. Rosen's acid jazz compi-

is on the cusp of commerciality.

ROSEN: Different Drummer

for compact-disk players, they dence to exploit, gave hundreds of them to jazz Mr. Rosen's ac

Through a deal with the manufacturer Victor Co. of Japan —
or JVC — to exchange software he left GRP one last coinci-

hired his successor, Tommy Li-dream." Mr. Rosen said,

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and says, "We never thought it

would take off to that extent."

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sales of \$20 million and 40 em-

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MCA bought GRP in 1990.

onger coincidence.

But while German voters watch the overall unemployment rate, economists rely more on separate figures that are adjusted to reflect seasonal patterns in hiring, firing and company shutdowns.

Using this seasonally adjusted measure, the number of unemployed people in Western Germany fell a larger-than-expected 5,000 during September.
(Bloomberg, AP)

#### ■ Hoechst Eves U.S. Share

were everywhere," Mr. Rosen be released Tuesday. Acid jazz, Hoechst AG said Wednesday said. The little window got big- a new melding of rap and jazz. it wanted to expand its market share in the United States but The alhum includes such major declined to say whether it players as Guru, Donald Byrd, MC Solaar, Herhie Hancock, would do so by buving Marion Merrell Dow, AFP-Extel News the Digable Planets, Branford reported from Frankfurt.

with Mr. Rosen as president, it is the first acid jazz compilation grew to 55 employees in 1993 with artistic as well as market-and had sales of \$36 million. according to MCA. Mr. Rosen "The whole story is like a considerable speculation recently about Hoechst's interest in Marion Merrell, the pbarma-

### **Jobless Rate** In Germany **Falls to Low** For Year

NUREMBERG - Unemployment in Germany fell to the lowest level of the year at the end of September, the Federal Labor Office said Wednes-

day, with the number of jobless

people down by 142,000 from August

The jobless rate in Western Germany fell to 7.9 percent, the lowest since November 1993 and down from 8.2 percent in August. In Eastern Germany. the unemployment rate fell to 13.8 percent from 14.7 percent in August, the lowest rate since November 1992,

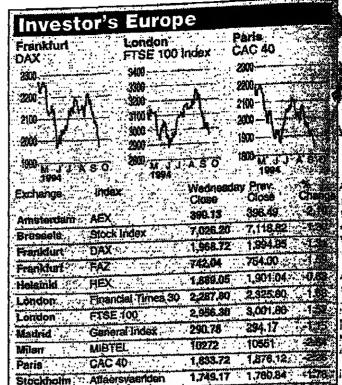
Bernhard Jagoda, president of the Federal Labor Office, attributed the improvement to a seasonal increase in orders and the increased pace of economic recovery in Eastern Germany.

The German economy has been struggling out of recession since spring, but unemployment has remained high, topping 4 million this year. But the figures released Wednesday should help Chancellor Helmut Kohl's chances of being re-elected Oct.

economists said. "Mr. Kohl must certainly be very cheered by these num-bers," said Holger Fahrinkrug, an economist at Union Bank of Switzerland in Frankfurt,

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#### Very briefly:

Vienna Stock Index

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 Cockerill-Sambre SA's takeover of EKO Stahl GmbH may violate European Union rules hecause of German subsidies, Karel van Miert, competition commissioner for the EU, said.

 Christian Dior SA said net profit rose 71 percent to 419 million francs (\$79 million) in its first half, partly because of its increased stake in LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton.

• British Sky Broadcasting Ltd. will create the equivalent of 1,000 full-time jobs in Scotland by huilding a £10 million center for processing users' applications.

 Valeo SA, Europe's second-largest car-parts company, said ninemonth sales rose 11.5 percent, to 16.73 billion French francs.

 Olivetti SpA will announce a European alliance at a news: conference in London on Thursday.

Carrefour SA said sales for the first nine months of the year rose. 8.6 percent from a year earlier, to 108.83 billion francs.

· Hogg Robinson PLC said it would expand its financial-services operations by acquiring those of **Bain Hogg Group**; Hogg Rohinson will pay £13 million (\$21 billion) for all Bain's U.K. operation and half of its Hong Kong operation.

 East German producer prices were unchanged in July from June and rose 0.6 percent from July 1993, the Federal Statistics Office? AFX, AP. Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder:

### Telefónica's Spending Plans

MADRID - Candido Velásquez, president of Telefónica de a España SA, said Wednesday that the company planned to double its investments in Latin American telephone companies to almost \$10 hillion over the next few years.

"We will not miss out on any opportunity to invest in Latin America," he said. The company also said it was exploring an ceutical arm of Dow Chemical, "alliance" with a North American company in Latin America.

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### China Stocks Drop On New Trade Rule **And High Inflation**

neted 11 percent Wednesday, he first day of trading since the rule aimed at curbing market earlier. speculation.

The Shanghai A share index dropped 90.11 points, or 11 percent, to close at 723.37. The stock exchange was closed that controlling inflation is its Monday and Tuesday for a holiday. A shares, which only Chinese citizens can buy, also fell 11 percent in Shenzen.

"The new rule is an attempt by China's market regulators to curb stock market speculation," a broker in Shanghai said. "Even though the new rule will not become effective until Jan. 1, inves-

crs are already nervous."

The rule, known as "T plus requires traders to hold shares for at least a day.

Currently, traders can conduct transactions within a day with the help of the central accounting system after they have struck a deal. One analyst said as much as two-thirds of turnover on the Shanghai exchange consists of such trading, for which investor capital "doesn't actually exist.

Traders said the market also fell because of expectations the government would cut credit lines to securities houses to curb

An official Chinese oewspaper said inflation in the country had not been curbed. The report said coosumer prices trial average fell 45.76 points would rise by 22 percent for the Tuesday. year if present trends contin-

SEOUL — South Korea said Wednesday it would raise its ceiling on foreign shareholdings

Developer Joins

List of Failing

Finance Firms

Bloomberg Business News

velopment, a real estate de-

velopment concern, has

gone bankrupt with liabil-ities of about 15 billion yen

(\$151 million), Teikoku Da-

ta Bank, a research agency specializing in bankruptcy analysis, said Wednesday.

While the company has

est filed for bankruptcy,

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sider it insolvent because

banks have refused to hon-

or the company's bills or

Jin Sogo aggressively de-veloped housing lots and condominiums in the To-kyo area during the 1980s.

It reported sales of 750

million yen in the year end-

ed March 31, 1990. But sales

fell steadily thereafter, and

Jin Sogo was unable to pay

interest on loans it made

from other institutions, the

On Monday, Nippon Mortgage Co. filed for liqui-dation in Japan's biggest postwar failure. The compa-

ny, which had 518.4 billion

yen of debt, also suffered

from an overly aggressive expansion during the 1980s,

when Japanese asset prices

rose sharply. Last week, Mitsubishi Bank booked a

loss of \$1.08 billion related

to two finance affiliates that

had similar troubles.

research agency said.

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TOKYO - Jin Sogo De-

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by two percentage points to 12 percent beginning

DS. I and to 15 percent next year, but investors appeared disappointed as the Seoul market

A Finance Ministry spokesman said the 3 percent limit on a foreign individual's holdings

n a single local company would remain at least

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ea Electric Power Corp. and the steelmaker

Pohang Iron & Steel Co. would remain in force

percent. The ceiling was imposed for the two included.

He also said that the 8 percent ceiling on

The China Information HONG KONG - The News report said higher agrishanghai A share market plum- cultural input prices triggered a jump in food prices. Farm production costs were 34.5 percent veckend announcement of a higher in August than a year

> In 35 large Chinese cities, retop economic priority. But re-ports have consistently indicated that the goal of getting China's inflation rate down to 10 percent remains out of reach. Some also said investors were

> selling shares because of specu-lation about the health of China's paramount leader, Deng Xiaoping. B shares, which are available to foreign investors, also fell in

Shanghai. The Shanghai B Index, calculated by Credit Lyonoais Securities Asia, fell 2.4 percent, to 882.33 points.

Stocks also fell sharply in Taipei and Hong Kong.

The Taipei bourse, which hit a four-year high last week, fell 3.28 percent after a securities brokerage disclosed 200 million Taiwan dollars (\$8 million) in bounced checks, brokers said.

The Hong Kong market fol-lowed Wall Street down. The Hang Seng Index lost 2.16 per-cent, to 9,298.36. This is a kneejerk reaction to the U.S." Ross Purdie of Mees Pierson Holding NV said. The Dow Jones indus-

- intil the end of the year and then be raised to 10 barg, two major blue chips, would not be

son Land Development Co.

said Wednesday its full-year net

profit rose 51 percent, well

above most analysts' expecta-

tions, on a strong increase in

The real estate development

and investment company said it

carned 6.04 billion Hong Kong

dollars (\$782 million) in the

year ended June 30, exceeding

market expectations of around

finished 14 property projects over the past year with a total

floor area of around 2.2 million square feet (20,000 square me-

ters), and almost all of these

The company's income from

rentals rose 33 percent, to 570

million dollars. Henderson also said it would

Revenue rose to 9.97 billion

5.6 billion dollars.

have been sold.

Knight-Ridder, Reuters)

### Asians Wary of Free Trade Zone

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune

SINGAPORE — Protectionist forces may scuttle attempts to build a regional community based on free trade in goods and services as trade ministers from Asia-Pacific economies meet in Jakarta on Thursday.

Officials said some countries, including Japan, China and South Korea, were wary of accepting a fixed timetable for regional trade liberalization because that would deny national governments con-trol over politically sensitive decisions affecting their economies.

Malaysia appears to be adamantly opposed to the plan, asserting that it could allow powerful states to dictate economie terms to smaller countries.

With the United States unable to take a firm lead in supporting the proposal as Washington battles to overcome resistance in Congress to the global trade accord reached in April, analysts say the push to open Asia-Pacific markets on a regional basis may be losing momentum.

Mickey Kantor, the U.S. special trade representative who was to lead the American delegation in Jakarta, pulled out at the last minute to battle opposition to the global trade deal in Congress. He will be represented by his deputy, Charlene Barshevsky.

Failure by the 17 members of APEC, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, to agree on a timetable for achieving free trade and investment in the region would weaken the group in its dealings with the more cobesive Europe-

It could also undermine efforts to extend the trade-liberalization gains made in the Uruguay Round of negotiations that were concluded under the auspices of GATT, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

APEC comprises the United States, Japan, China, Canada, Australia, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Mexico, Papua New Guinea and the six countries in ASEAN, the Association of South East Asian Nations, They

Seoul Will Raise Ceiling on Foreign Stakes in Shares to 15%

companies because of their strategic importance. The Seoul stock market's leading index lost

more than 10 points shortly after the announce-

"Two percentage points is much smaller than many investors had hoped for," said Kim Young

Soo, an analyst with Seoul Securities. "It seems

they expected a three to five percentage point

"It's better than nothing," said Peter Thorn. Seoul branch manager of W.I. Carr. "We are

pleased the limit is being increased but the indus-

Shares also fell as investors reacted negatively

Strong Sales Lift Henderson

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billion dollars.

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try had hoped for more.

are Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, ratifying the Uruguay Round agreement. Singapore, Thailand and Brunei. Some APEC officials tried to play

Chile is due to become a full member of APEC in November, when ministers from the group hold their annual meeting in Jakarta followed by an informal

APEC economies account for 50 percent of global production, 40 percent of the world's trade and 37 percent of its population.

To prepare for the November meetings, the trade ministers will consider Thursday a recommendation that APEC

Malaysia appears to be adamantly opposed, fearing the bigger states would be able to dictate terms to smaller ones.

commit itself to a firm target for achieving free trade in the region, starting the liberalization program in 2000 and com-pleting it hy 2020.

The recommendation was made unanimously by a group of business leaders, economists and former officials who had been asked by APEC leaders in Seattle in November to present specific proposals for consideration in 1994.

In its recent report, the so-called Eminent Persons Group also proposed a phased introduction of free trade to take account of the widely varying levels of

development among APEC members. The group said the most advanced economies in the region, such as the United States, Japan, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, should achieve the free-trade target in 10 years.

They suggested that the newly indusdeveloping economies led by China and Indonesia could take as long as 20 years. The group also recommended that

cause a change in the ceiling had been widely hank has said.

expected and rumors had already boosted huy

An analystat Lucky Securities predicted insti-

tutional investors would unload more blue-chip

and high-priced shares. "There will be little merit

in holding onto them for the moment," he said.

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Foreigners bought heavily into South Korean

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■ Sales Lift Guoco Earnings

June 30, in step with rising

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Guoco earned 1.36 hillion

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Separately, the investment

company Lippo Ltd. said it was holding talks on selling its con-trolling stake in the real estate

News reported.

Net profit at Guoco Group

Brokers estimated that the increased ceiling

ing in blue-chips.

Some brokers said that the new measures were shares in the third quarter in anticipation of hardly a factor on the exchange any longer be-further measures to open the market, the central

for foreign holdings should translate into an additional inflow of about 2.9 trillion won (\$4 will be determined by economic conditions such

down the significance of attempts in Congress to block U.S. ratification of the Uruguay Round accord. But some Asian officials said the delay in ratification was summit meeting of leaders in Bogor, also making it more difficult to forge a consensus on regional trade liberalization.

Ali Alatas, the Indonesian foreign minister, said any delay in implementing the Uruguay Round would hurt Indonesia and other developing countries.

"We must confess to being concerned with the possibility of a tardy and long drawn-out process" of applying the terms of the global deal, he said in a trialized economies - South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore — should reach the target in 15 years, while speech to the UN General Assembly in New York.

The most adamant opposition to an APEC-initiated program comes from Malaysia, which has called for East Asian economies to form their own consultative caucus to protect regional inter-

ests and promote free trade.

Mahathir bin Mohamad, the Malaysian prime minister, confirmed after meeting Mr. Suharto in Jakarta last month that he would attend the summit meeting in Bogor next month. Mr. Mahathir boycotted the first APEC summit meeting, conducted in Seattle by Presi-

dent Bill Clinton late last year. But Mr. Mahathir said Malaysia did not want APEC to adopt a free-trade timetable or become a structured organization that held regular meetings.

"We would not like APEC overshadowing ASEAN or being directed by the more powerful members," be added.

In the face of Mr. Mahathir's objections, officials said it would be difficult for APEC leaders to achieve consensus on trade liberalization and a solid work

program for the group. Another lingering disagreement is whether any tariff cuts agreed by APEC should be extended to nonmembers APEC members show their commitment without conditions in the interests of to global trade liberalization by promptly promoting broader free trade.

Policymakers are worried about inflation, said

Don Lee, an analyst with Barclays de Zoete

Wedd. "They may want to announce some kind

of overall cap on the actual amount because of the inflationary effect," he said. Analysts said the move was also likely to raise

demand for the won, further strengthening a

as money supply, exchange rates and stock mar-

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### Nintendo Outlook Hits Game Shares

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Lee Shau Kee, chairman of announced after the close of Henderson, said the company trading.

TOKYO - Shares of Nintendo Co. and other video-game makers tumbled on Japanese exchanges Wednesday after Nintendo lowered its earnings estimate for the current year.

On Tuesday, the world's largest video-game maker said the strong yen and a price war in Europe had forced it to cut its profit estimate for the half year ended Sept. 30 by 15 percent, 10 51 billion yen (\$510 million). Full-year pretax profit to March 1995 is expected at 104 million yen, also lower than previously thought.

Nintendo share prices fell to a six-year low and closed at 5,350 year. The news also hurt shares of Sega Enterprises Ltd., Nintendo's biggest rival in the games market.

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# **SPORTS**

### **Labor Situation Dominates** The NBA Owners' Meeting

NEW YORK - With the major league baseball season already canceled because of a strike and hockey players locked out, talk of a National Baskethall Association confrontation is getting louder.

So it's no wonder the NBA's labor situation was dominating the agenda of the owners' meeting Wednesday, overshadowing proposed rules and ownership changes its board of governors

The league, which bas never had a work stoppage, has tried to squelch lockout talk, saying it hopes things won't come to

But the New York Daily News reported Wednesday that NBA owners were expected to conduct a secret vote at the

lockout of players before Nov. college draft and get a larger 15, when players would receive their first paychecks. The regular season is sched-

share of revenues.

The owners want to close

loopholes in the current salary

cap, such as contract clauses

that allow players to become

restricted free agents after one

the end of contracts. The league

also would like to see restric-

tions on rookie salaries, and it

insists on continuing the draft.

fusal for free agency, alleging antitrust violations. The players

lost a court decision in July, but

appealed and are awaiting a rul-

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ing before returning to the bar-

But that ruling isn't expected until the middle of the month,

leaving about two weeks before

the start of the season to ham-

If matters aren't resolved by

then, the league could press for

players to take a no-strike

pledge, ensuring the season could proceed without threat of

While no resolution of the labor matter will come out of the governors' meeting, several

To beef up scoring and un-

clog the lane, the 3-point line would be moved to a uniform

22-foot (6.7-meter) arc. Cur-

rently, the arc extends from 22

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In another rule proposal,

The owners also are expected

to adopt a rule in which any

player committing two flagrant fouls in a game would be eject-

ed. In another move to reduce

fighting, any player leaving the

bench during an altercation

would be subject to a minimum

one-game suspension and fined

a maximum of \$20,000.

players fouled on a 3-pointer

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would get three free throws.

The players association has challenged the legality of the cap, draft and right of first re-

uled to start Nov. 4. With the NBA and its players far apart on several major issues, can pro haskethall do anv better than baseball and hockey

in the labor department?
"I feel optimistic," Russ
Granik, the NBA's deputy commissioner, said. "I still think the track record between the union and management has heen good. I don't have any reason to think that won't continue."

Just as in basehall and hockey, however, what the owners want and what the players want in a new agreement are two very different sets of things.

The players' union wants to eliminate the salary cap, restricmeeting that could authorize a tions on free agency and the

Baseball Owners Propose 45-Day Freeze on Signing

NEW YORK - Out of the slumber of a season-shattering baseball strike, cluh owners have proposed to the union that the two sides agree to a 45-day freeze on off-season dates and

The freeze, most noticeably, would push hack the freeagency filing period. But it could have potentially greater implications, especially for the clubs' decision on whether to declare an impasse in dormant negotiations and then impose

new rules unilaterally. The clubs proposed the freeze in a letter from Chuck O'Connor, general counsel of the labor relations committee, to Donald Fehr, head of the Major League Baseball Players Association. Fehr was traveling to Los Angeles on Tuesday. hut Gene Orza, the union's associate general counsel, said,

"I'm underwhelmed by the proposal."

The union most likely will reject the proposal, figuring that a freeze would be far too great an advantage strategically for

the clubs with no real advantage to the players. Neither side was prepared to discuss the substance of the idea publicly, preferring to wait at least until they meet on the year and balloon payments at

Martina Hingis, a 14-year-old prodigy, making her debut in the year that the other Martina - Navratilova - retires.

### 2 Martinas: One Going, One Coming

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputche ZURICH — The Swiss prodigy Martina Hingis has made an explosive debut on the

women's tennis tour. Hingis was born in Czechoslovakia 14 years ago and named by her mother, a former tennis professional, after her famous compatriot. Martina Navratilova.

She held her first tennis racket at the age of 2, played her first tournament at 5, moved to Switzerland at 7 and became, at 12 years and eight months, the youngest junior champion at a Grand Slam event.

Judging by her dehut performance at the European Indoors tournament in Zurich on Tuesday, when she beat the experienced American, Patty Fendick, 6-4, 6-3, with a superh baseline display, Hingis may yet justifiably be compared to her

But Navratilova, 37, struggled to a vic-

tory and conceded that she was weary of the tennis scene until she was 15. She the tennis circuit that has earned ber nearly \$20 million and 167 singles titles.
"You wouldn't be here if Martina wasn't

playing," a philosophical Navratilova said, referring to Hingis. Navratilova had heen hard-pressed in a 7-5, 4-6, 6-1 victory over Ann Grossman.

"People didn't come to see me play. They've been watching me for more than 20 years,"

For the moment, bowever, the comparisons made are not with Navratilova hut with another child champion, the teenage hurn-out. Jennifer Capriati.

Navratilova, the most successful woman in the open era of tennis, now playing out her final season, finds berself in the oppo-site camp from Hingis in the debate over children in sport.

She said she did not make an impact on

disapproves of early starts because of the emotional pressure and the physical dangers to growing bones. "If I had a child, I probably wouldn't

want her playing on the tour," said Navratilova. "Mentally, they may be ready, but not physically. There might be the odd 14year-old that is ready for it, but why push Hingis, a pony-tailed blonde who turned

14 on Friday, shrugged off comparisons between her and Capriati.

"I think in her family she bad problems, and that's not the case with us," Hingis

"And there's much more pressure to win in the United States because millions are involved. In Europe, it's only thousands." (AP, Reuters) final.

### Paris Picks Design for Stadium

PARIS — Ending years of debate and confusion: the French government on Wednesday made its final choice of architectural plans for the 80,000-seat stadium that will be the centerpiece of the 1998 World Cup.

The elliptical stadium, which can be covered by an inflatable roof in bad weather, will cost an estimated 1.9 billion francis (about \$360 million). The gow ernment will pay 51 percent of the cost.

It was slightly chesper than the 2 billion franc runner un proposal for a rectangular said dium with mobile stands to pro-vide different seating configurations for rugby and soccers.

The new facility, to be constructed just north of Paris in: the suburb of Saint-Denis, willbe by far the biggest stadium in France. The current largest is the Parc des Princes in Paris; which has almost 50,000 seats.

Designed by the architects Michel Macary and Aymeric.
Zuhlena, the plan features athin, elliptical ring seemingly.
Iloating above the grandstands, supported by 20 thin metal.

The stadium is intended to accommodate soccer, rugby and track and field, as well as entertainment spectacles.

French rughy officials hope the facility will help their bid to be bost to the 2001 Rugh? World Cup.

Discussions of a super-stade um for the Paris area date from to 1936, but no project was ever started until France was select ed in 1992 to be host of soccers premier event in 1998.

The new stadium will be the venue for the opening match of the 1998 World Cup and for the

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#### SIDELINES

#### Head of Algerian Soccer Club Slain

ALGIERS (AP) - Gunmen killed the president of one of Algeria's most important soccer clubs on Wednesday as he stood in front of a home he was building for his family, authorities said. The death of Ali Tahanouti was the latest in a series of killings, of sports officials attributed to Islamic extremists. Tahanouti was

president of Sporting Youth of Bordj-Menaiel, a first division team that has for years ranked among Algeria's top three clubs. A trainer of a police boxing team and a vice president of a judo federation have been killed in attacks attributed to Islamic extremists. In the past two weeks, one of Algeria's most popular singers, Cheb Hasni, was killed, and another singer was abducted.

#### Trainer's Death Tied to Horse Virus

SYDNEY (Reuters) - The Australian racehorse trainer Vic Rail almost certainly died of the same disease that killed 14 thoroughbred racehorses, Queensland medical authorities said

Tests on Vic Rail's body discovered antibodies linked to the virus found in the lungs of two borses that died in his stables last month. In all, 14 horses died in the outhreak, 12 at adjoining

Rail, 49, died in a hospital on Sept. 28, after a respiratory illness. Dr. Geoffrey Murphy, director of public health in Queensland, said tests to isolate the virus in the trainer's body were still being conducted.

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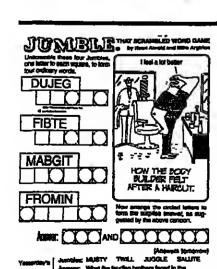
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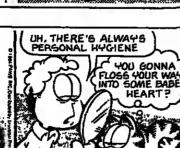
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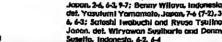




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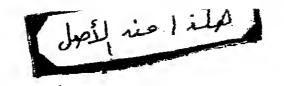
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# SPORTS

# Paris P. Chinese Stadium Are 'Clean,' Samaranc' **Believes**

HIROSHIMA, Japan -Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympie Committee, came strongly to the defense of China's world-record athletes on Wednesday, saying that they did not take drugs and that sport in China was "very

After the first two full days of ompetition, China had racked ap 20 golds, including 12 of 16 ivailable on Tuesday alone.

Samaranch said he was not surprised that a nation with 1.3 opranks of international sport. "I'm sure Chinese sport is very clean," Samaranch said

when asked whether drugs were behind the success of China's weightlifters, who swept the mine women's weightlifting divisions, and dramatic world revisions, and manners women cords set by China's women swimmers and middle-distance runners earlier this year.

China's world record-breaking women swimmers and middle-distance runners have also encountered suspicion from some Western coaches.

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But Samaranch, in Hiroshima to attend the Asian Games, vowed there would be no letup wowed there would be no nonkeep drugs out of sport. Samaranch said the turnaround in the IOC's campaign against drug use was in 1988 when the world sprint champion, Ben Johnson, was suspended.

"The war is not over, but "have won many, many battles,"

clean bill of health.

Samaranch welcomed easing of certain United Nations sancics on Serbia and Montenegro and said their athletes could sport. oow compete in international (AP, Reuters)

#### Thailand Criticized

The organizers of the American Games sharply criticized Thai-The organizers of the Asian and oo Wednesday for poor progress on staging the next board also expressed appre-

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland - Scotland

was given an opportunity Wednesday to

avenge one of its most ignominious golfing

disasters when it drew Paraguay in the

Dunhill Cup team championship.
Paraguay pulled off one of golf's big

upsets on the opening day a year ago when it defeated Scotland, 2-1, and the Scots will

get a chance for quick revenge as they face

The Scottish team, seeded sixth, is again

led by Europe's No. 1. Colin Montgom-

crie, who lost his individual match to Raul

Fretes last year. His teammates are Gor-don Brand Jr., back from last year when he

won his battle against Angel Franco, and a

The Paraguayan team is the same as last

year, with Carlos Franco, Angel's brother.

rounding out the team, which finished sec-

Zimbabwe and South Africa, seeded

second and third, could set up an intrigu-

ing semifinal battle if they win their

Zimbabwe is lead by the world No. 1, Nick Price, the British Open and U.S.

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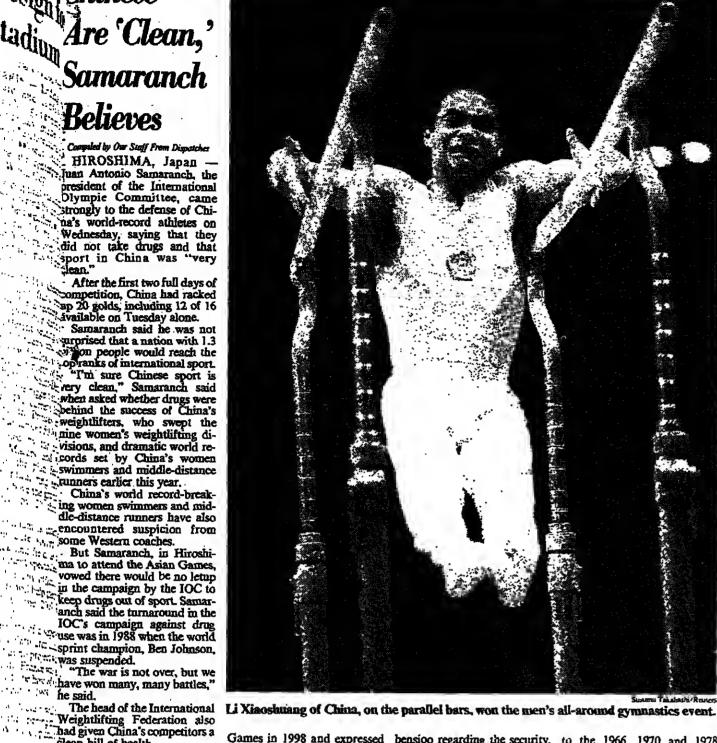
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ond in its group as a rank outsider.

the South Americans on Thursday.

newcomer, Andrew Coltart.



Games in 1998 and expressed concern over Bangkok's ootorious traffic jams, The Associated Press reported from Hiro-

Meetiog during the 12th Asian Games, the Olympic Council of Asia said Thai authorities had made no progress in the construction of an infrastructure for the Games.

The council's 15-member cilities in 34 sports.

Scots Hoping to Repay Paraguay in Dunhill Golf

in three attempts last year.

Canada complete the group.

PGA champion, who failed to win a match

He and his teammates, Mark McNulty

and Tony Johnstone, face unseeded Ger-

many, led by Bernhard Langer, in their first match. Seventh-seeded Sweden and

South Africa is expected to win the group containing Scotland, Paraguay and Taiwan, its first-round opponent.

But much will depend on the form and mental state of Ernie Els, the U.S. Open

champion, who lost a playoff to Seve Bal-

lesteros at the German Masters on Mon-

day after leading the event all the way until a bogey at the final bole.

The United States, the defending cham-

pion, which has won two of the previous

nine events, is seeded first based on the

cumulative world rankings of its three

pollution, traffic coogestion games, so far has been slow to and communication with the build new stadiums and other OCA."

The staging of an Asiad has become a task of almost Olympian proportions. Nearly 5,000 athletes from 42 nations and territories are taking part at the will not be solved by 1998. Hiroshima Games. There is competition at world-class fa-

bensioo regarding the security, to the 1966, 1970 and 1978 facilities in and around Bang-

> While the facilities may still be built on time, it is almost certain that the traffic problems

Despite more than two decades of planning and wrangling, work on a mass transport · But Thailand, which was host system has yet to begin.

players: Fred Couples. Tom Kite and Curtis Strange. Couples played on last year's

winning team; Kite and Strange, both

drafted late to play this year, were on the

Zealand, Japan and Ireland in their group.

break caused by an operation to lead

Australia seeded second. Norman. 39,

played in the first two Dunhill Cup-win-

ning teams in 1985 and 1986.

He is supported by Steve Elkington, fresh from victory in the Southern Open on

Sunday, and Robert Allenby for matches

against fifth-seeded England - without

The Spaniards are lacking the U.S. Mas

ters champion, José-María Olazábal, and

Ballesteros, both of whom declined to

Nick Faldo - France and Spain.

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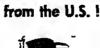
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Greg Norman returns from a six-week

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# South Korea Wins 6 Gold Medals

HIROSHIMA, Japan — South Korea burst into the Asian Games gold medals column Wednesday with three wrestling triumphs and victories in swimming, fenc-

mg and bowling. Its bowling winner missed a perfect

game by one pin.
China padded its lead in medals slightly, but its eight golds for the day were only slightly ahead of South Korea's six and Japan's five. It completed a clean sweep of the nine women's weightlifting divisions.

but slowed its world record-breaking pace. That left China with a total of 28 gold medals to 13 for Japan. South Korea, shut out for the first two full days of Games' competition, is trying to overtake the Japanese and repeat its second-place finish of the last Games in 1990.

Taiwan won its first Asian Games gold in 24 years, also in bowling, and Kazakhstan, a newcomer to the Games, pieked up

its first two golds, in wrestling.

The Chinese also added the men's and women's all-round gymnastics titles to the team victories they had won earlier, and won three of the day's five swimming races, all in Games or Asian record times.

In bowling, South Korea's Kim Sook Young rolled a near-perfect 299 in the fifth of her six games as she took the gold with 1,347 pins, smashing the Asian Games record of 1,270 set in 1978. The silver medalist, Noriko Inauchi of Japan, was 121 pins behind.

in the men's singles earlier, Lio Hanchen of Taiwan took the title and set a for the women. Li Xiaoshuang and Huang Games.

Games record of 1,310, breaking the eight-year-old mark of 1,280. Hendro Pratono of keda of Japan in the men's event. Indonesia was second with 1,292.

Taiwan had returned to the Asian Games in 1990 after being kept out for 20 years in a dispute with China.

Ji Sang Joon of South Korea broke the monopoly on gold by China and Japan as be won the men's 200-meter backstroke in minutes, 0.65 seconds, breaking the Games record of 2:03.59. Japan's Hajime Itoi was second in 2:01.34.

Japan won its second swimming gold of the Asian Games when Yukihiro Matsushita edged Kazakhstan's Serguei Boris-senko and Alexei Egorov in the men's 100meter freestyle.

But the Chinese women have yet to lose

a swimming race. They mised China's total to 11 in 14 events as He Cihong beat teammate Lu Bin in the 100-meter backstroke, Zhou Guanbin outswam teammate Yang Aihua in the 400-meter freestyle and China left Japan more than three seconds behind in the 400-meter freestyle relay. China also was expected to sweep all

four diving golds. For the last two events, the world champion Tan Shuping and Fu Minguia led qualifying for the women's three-meter springboard event, and the 1992 Olympic champion, Sun Shuwei, and Xiao Hailiang were the top qualifiers in

men's platform diving.

The Chinese yielded only one medal—a bronze to Japan—in the men's and women's individual all-round gymnastics. Qiao Ya. Yuan Kexia and Mo Huilan were 1-2-3

keda of Japan in the men's eveol.

In weightlifting, Zhang Xiaoli was the only world record-breaker Wednesday. In the 83-kilogram class, her 237.5-kilogram (523-pound) total broke the mark of 230 kilograms, set by Chen Shu-chih ol Taiwan in last year's world championships. Chen matched that 230 and took the silver.

With that, China ended the women's weightlifting with six world records in nine

events. Other Chinese winners Wednesday were Hua Ju at 76 kilograms and the world champion Li Yajuan in the over 83-kilogram class. Li's total of 240 was well below her own world record of 260.

For South Korea's Greco-Roman wrestling golds, Sim Kwon Ho beat Reza Aimkhah Asil of Iran at 48 kilograms, Kim Young II defeated Grigori Pulyaev of Uz-bekistan at 68 kilograms, and Song Sung II downed Vitalii Leikine of Kazakhstan at 100 kilograms.

Kazakhstan won the other two wrestling golds Wednesday, louri Melnitchenko beat Sheng Zetian of China at 57 kilo-grams, and Daoulet Tourlykhanov decisioned Raatbek Sanatbaev of Kyrgyzstan at 82 kilograms.

South Korea also won the top two places in men's saber fencing, with Kim Sang Wook edging teammate Lee Hyo Kun, 15-13, in the final.

Japan swept the day's three gold medals in its native fighting sport of karate, and won its second equestrian gold of the

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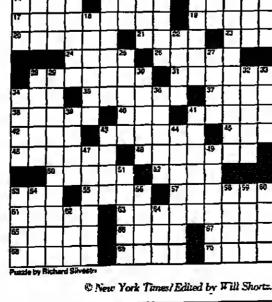
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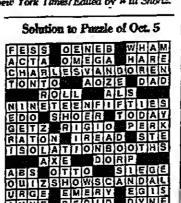
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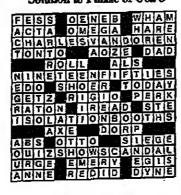
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Since white-collar crime is now growing faster than hluecollar crime,

you would think that some provisions would have been made to deal with the prob-

Stephaoie Ross, a whitecollar crime

Buchwald consultant, said that while it is hoped that the new hill can reduce street crimes, Congress has thrown in the towel about stopping crimi-nal activity on Wall Street and in various halls of government. 'Wouldn't more hard prisoo

collar criminals?" I asked. "The problem is they oever get to prisoo. The people who commit white-collar crimes hire

time be a deterrent to white-

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> "What you're saying is that if someone had a choice, it would be smarter to commit a crime that involves ecough mocey to hire F. Lee Bailey than a public

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"Four?" I guessed.
"Only two and a half executives did any time, and that was because they refused to tell where the money was hidden. There's no crime bill in the world that can stop the rich stealing from the poor."

"Didn't the Republicans propose that if you got caught selling phooy government boods to the public three times in a row. you would get life imprisoo-

"Yes, but the white-collarcrime lohhyists defeated it. No-body knows how much mooey from widows' and orphans' savings goes each year to help politicians get elected. If you look at the S&L scandals, you'll see their officers were the higgest supporters of the elected officials," replied Stephanie.

"How about more police to patrol the huildings where white-collar crimes are commit-ted? Maybe that would stop

them," I suggested.

"It wouldn't be enough to discourage the hard-core em-bezzlers. They'd wind up hribing the police with phony real estate deals," she said.

"We have to make our sentences a lot stiffer. If someone who stole \$100 million is going to be sentenced hy a judge to 300 hours of community service, it ought to be a maximum-security place like Disneyland."



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ing in dismay over stroog anti-smoking legislation pending hefore the New York City Council, Philip Morris executives telephoned arts institutions that had beoefited from their largesse and asked them to put in a good word to Peter Vallone, the City

Council speaker. The requests were only a small part of a much larger lohbying campaign Philip Morris has mounted against the bill, which at ooe point led to threats, later retracted, to move its headquarters out of New York

City.

If Philip Morris were to move, a great deal of its arts support would move with it. The requests to voice support for the company - which

this seasoo alone is sponsoring the "Origins of Impressionism" exhibitioo at the Metropolitan Museum, the Next Wave Festival at the Brooklyn Academy of Music and an exhibi-tioo called "Talking Pictures" at the International Center of Photography - put arts groups, which generally try to stay away from politics, into a

difficult positioo.

"This has put all of my clients into a tailspin," a consultant to several arts organizations said last week.
"They have been so shocked that they didn't know how to react."

The arts groups say they were not asked to lohhy directly against the hill, which would ban smoking in nearly all restaurants and public places, but only to let the City Council know how important Philip Morris money was to the cultural life of the city.

"But the message was clear," said an official of one of the groups underwritteo hy Philip Morris. "We were telling the City Council that it was in the best interests of the arts in New York City that Philip Morris

mooey stay in New York City." The company, for its part, maintains that it did not intend to drag arts groups into the political maelstrom, but only to contend, as Philip Morris has done repeatedly, that smoking restrictions might affect tourism and hence the revenue of cultural institutions.

Many of the groups sent messages to the City Council in which they explained that they were taking no position on the anti-smoking hill as such, but wished to go oo record "as telling the City Council how much Philip Morris does for the city," in the words of one museum official who said he agreed to make a telephone call to Vallone's office.

"That much I was willing to do,

since there is oo question that we would take a terrible hit if Philip Morris were to leave the city."

That official, like most people who received requests from Philip Morris. would speak only on condition of anooymity. So powerful is the com-pany in the cultural world that oo official or board member of any organization supported by the compa-oy would speak for attribution when asked about the lohbying efforts on the anti-smoking legislation, or even allow the name of his or her organization to be used.

"Arts organizations don't have the luxury of turning down money from any source," said Randall Bour-scheidt, executive director of the Alliance for the Arts, an umhrella orga-nization that assists many New York institutions. Some of the alliance's projects have been underwritten, in part, by Philip Morris.

"There has been such serious reductions of both public and private funding that generosity as large and as widespread as Philip Morris's has a major impact on New York and the country," Bourscheidt said.

Arts organizations have struggled for years with the question of accept-ing what are, in effect, tohacco profits to support the arts. But no one has rejected Philip Morris money, or called it tainted. "I don't smoke and I hate people smoking, but Philip Morris is a great supporter," said the spokeswoman for a New York dance company, who calls Philip Morris

"our largest corporate supporter." "I say thank God for sinners: they're the only people to support the arts." she concluded.

Her remark underscores the clearest benefit Philip Morris gets from its arts philanthropy: a positive image among people who would normally have few kind things to say about a cigarette, food and beer maker.

The request that arts groups join, however subtly, in Philip Morris's lohhying effort against the City Council hill seems to have done little to diminish the chances of the bill's passage.

### PEOPLE

Oxford Union to Hear Noted Environmentalist

Kermit the Frog. following in the footsteps of Mother Teresa and Ronald Reagan, will ad-dress Oxford University's famed Oxford Union debating society Oct. 27. He will talk about life, love and the environment, but not about Miss Piggy, the Muppet character who pursues him constantly. "His life has been the university of life and he wants to talk about it. Adrienne Garner, spokeswoman for Jim Henson Productions, says. "He is the original green, having lived in a symming. He is close to environ. mental concerns." As for Miss Piggy, "Anything between them is in her mind and not his."

Deng Lin, the 52-year-old daughter of Deng Kinoping, Chioa's paramount leader, opened an exhibition of her paintings in Paris in the presence of Jacques Toubon, France's culture minister, and Pierre Cardin, the designer, who sponsored the event. Most of the works in the show me early, traditional ones, but some from recent years are forcefully abstract.

Tom Leppard, a retired Brit-ish soldier and the world's most tattooed person, with 99.2 percent of his body covered in a leopard-skin motif, helped launch the 1995 edition of the Guinness Book of Records in London. He shares space in the new book with Mata Jagdama; an Indian with the longest hair in the world, and Susan Williams, a Californian who blew a record bubble-gum bubble.

Bernadine Morris, former chief fashion reporter of The New York Times, was awarded. the gold medal of Milan, the city's highest hooor, for services to fashion. Anne-Marie Schiro; accepted it on her behalf from the city's mayor, Marco For-

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